

The New Town Church of Scotland

16th June 2024

Order of Service

What's the Point?



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to Worship

God Welcomes All Hymn 9 All creation sings God's greatness

Opening Prayer, Collect and Lord's Prayer

Collect

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

- ² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
- ³ What do people gain from all the toil
at which they toil under the sun?
- ⁴ A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains for ever.
- ⁵ The sun rises and the sun goes down,
and hurries to the place where it rises.
- ⁶ The wind blows to the south,
and goes round to the north;
round and round goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.
- ⁷ All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they continue to flow.
- ⁸ All things are wearisome;
more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
or the ear filled with hearing.
- ⁹ What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.
- ¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said,
'See, this is new'?
It has already been,
in the ages before us.
- ¹¹ The people of long ago are not remembered,
nor will there be any remembrance
of people yet to come
by those who come after them.

Anthem When the wheel of fate is turning (GWA 9) Words and music: John L. Bell

Luke 2: 41-52

⁴¹ Now every year (Jesus') parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the

festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Hymn 193 God is love: his the care

Sermon *What's the Point?*

Hymn 557 O Love that will not let me go

Prayers of the People

Hymn 465 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart

Sending and blessing

Sending music

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Scripture Reader: Muriel Aird

Prayers of the people: Jocelyn and Michael Cunliffe

Organist/pianist: John Riley

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