

New Town Church  
Order of Service  
22nd September 2024

Call to Worship: **Psalm 54**

LEADER: Save me, O God, by your Name;

**RESPONSE: in your might, defend my cause.**

L Hear my prayer, O God;

**R give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L Behold, God is my helper;

**R it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

L I will offer you a freewill sacrifice

**R and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**

L For you have rescued me from every trouble,

**R and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

**Hymn 59** O come and let us to the Lord

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Collect: **Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth,  
and made us in your image.**

**Teach us to discern your hand in all your works,  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Peace: The Peace of Christ be with you

**and also with you**

*(Let us share peace with one another)*

Prayer

**Hymn 212** Morning has broken

Old Testament Reading: **Genesis chapter 2, verses 4b-25**

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, **5** when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; **6** but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— **7** then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. **8** And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **9** Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**10** A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. **11** The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; **12** and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. **13** The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around

the whole land of Cush. **14** The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

**15** The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

**16** And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;

**17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

**18** Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner. '**19** So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the

field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. **21** So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22** And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.'

**24** Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. **25** And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

**Anthem: All things bright and beautiful** arr. James Letham

Gospel Reading: **John chapter 15, verse 18 to chapter 16, verse 4**

If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. **19** If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. **20** Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. **21** But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. **22** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. **23** Whoever hates me hates my Father also. **24** If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. **25** It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."

**26** 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. **27** You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

**16** 'I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. **2** They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. **3** And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. **4** But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

**Hymn 238** Lord bring the day to pass

**Sermon:** The Cone Gatherers: perfect community.

**Hymn GWA 215** O God of creation, we see all around us:

Prayers of the People

**Hymn 352** O for a thousand tongues to sing

**Blessing**

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Prayers of the people: Ruth Forrester and Lorna Cammock

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