

Edinburgh: The New Town Church of Scotland

Order of service

13th October 2024

Call to worship

Our help is in the name of the Eternal One

Who made heaven and earth

Sing to the Eternal One, bless his name

Tell out God's saving love from day to day

Glory to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer

Let us exalt God's name together

Hymn 103 Fill your hearts with joy

Prayer of Approach

Collect for week

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

and also with you

Offering prayer

Hymn 253 Inspired by love and anger

Readings

Amos 5: 6 – 7, 10 – 15

6 Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,

and bring righteousness to the ground!

10 They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
11 Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
12 For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
14 Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
15 Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Anthem

Mark 10: 17 – 31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' **18** Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **19** You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother. "' **20** He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth. **21** Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. **22** When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! **24** And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. **26** They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved? **27** Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

28 Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. **29** Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, **30** who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children,

and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. **31** But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Hymn 605 Thanks to God whose word was spoken

Sermon 'Riches and Rewards'

God Welcomes All 29 verses 1, 8 & 18 In ages past

Prayers of the people

God Welcomes All 205 Sing to God from every city

Blessing and sending

Worship Leader: Rev Tony Bryer

Scripture Reader: Edith Watt

Prayers of the people: Walter Dunlop

Organist/pianist: David Stewart

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