

Edinburgh: The New Town Church of Scotland

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – from Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! You servants of the Lord, praise his name.

May his name be praised now and forever.

From the East to the West praise the name of the Lord!

The Lord rules over all nations; his glory is above the heavens.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hymn 21 Lord, teach me all your ways

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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 of Peace

Hymn GWA 169 My days are in your hands

Lesson 1 Samuel Chapter 1 verses 4 – 8 and Chapter 2 verses 1 – 10

4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; **5** but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. **6** Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. **7** So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. **8** Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

2 Hannah prayed and said,

'My heart exults in the Lord;
 my strength is exalted in my God.
 My mouth derides my enemies,
 because I rejoice in my victory.
 2' There is no Holy One like the Lord,
 no one besides you;
 there is no Rock like our God.
 3 Talk no more so very proudly,
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;
 for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
 and by him actions are weighed.
 4 The bows of the mighty are broken,
 but the feeble gird on strength.
 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
 but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
 The barren has borne seven,
 but she who has many children is forlorn.
 6 The Lord kills and brings to life;
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
 7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
 he brings low, he also exalts.
 8 He raises up the poor from the dust;
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
 to make them sit with princes
 and inherit a seat of honour.
 For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
 and on them he has set the world.
 9' He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
 for not by might does one prevail.
 10 The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
 the Most High will thunder in heaven.
 The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
 he will give strength to his king,
 and exalt the power of his anointed.'

Anthem

Lesson Mark 13 verses 1 – 8

13 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings! ' **2** Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, **4** 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? ' **5** Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. **6** Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. **7** When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the

end is still to come. **8** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Hymn 562 **Through the love of God our Saviour**

Sermon **Perseverance in faith**

Prayers of the People

Hymn 738 **Glorious things of thee are spoken**

Blessing

Worship Leader: Rev Ann Inglis

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