

**Edinburgh: The New Town Church of Scotland**  
**Sunday 3 November 2024**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Call to worship** (*from Psalm 19*)

The heavens declare the glory of God  
**the sky proclaims his handiwork**

The teaching of the Lord is perfect, renewing life  
**the decrees of the Lord are enduring making wise the simple**

The precepts of the Lord are just, rejoicing the heart  
**the commandment of the Lord is lucid, making the eyes light up**

**Hymn CH4 60** (tune 179, Crofts 136<sup>th</sup>) Psalm 95 Come let us praise the Lord

**Prayer of approach**

**Collect for week**

Almighty God, your servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him all the families of the earth should be blessed. Give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 CH4 606** Lord you sometimes speak in wonders

**Readings**

**Deuteronomy 6: 1 – 9**

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, **2** so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. **3** Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

**4** Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. **6** Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. **7** Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. **8** Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, **9** and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**Anthem** A New Commandment by Peter Nardone

### **Reading Mark 12: 28 – 34**

**28** One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' **29** Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; **30** you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." **31** The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. **32** Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; **33** and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices. **34** When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God. 'After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**Hymn CH4 489** Come down O love Divine

**Sermon** Two First Commandments

**Hymn GWA 209** We are called to welcome strangers

**Prayers of the people**

**Hymn CH4 237** Look forward in faith

**Blessing and sending**

Worship Leader: Rev Tony Bryer

Scripture Reader: Amy Marcham

Prayers of the people: Don and Heather Ferguson

Organist/pianist: Jamie Turnbull

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