

Edinburgh: The New Town Church
Order of Service
15th December 2024

Call to Worship: Psalm 126

LEADER The LORD has done great things for us!

RESPONSE **Restore our fortunes, O LORD!**

L May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

R **Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves!**

Hymn 277 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

Lighting of Third Advent Candle

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Collect for Third Sunday of Advent:

**God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes he may find us
waiting in awe and wonder of him 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 295 Who would think that what was needed?

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah chapter 3, verses 14-20

Anthem **The Word** John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Gospel Reading: Luke, chapter 1, verses, 5-13 and 18-22

Hymn 291 When out of poverty is born

Sermon: Advent 3 - **Believe it or not.**

Hymn GWA 90 We are a people of hope

Prayers of the People

Hymn 315 Once in royal David's city

Blessing

Worship Leader: Rev Alistair Keil

Scripture Reader: Barbara Finlayson

Prayers of the people: Michael and Jocelyn Cunliffe

Organist/pianist: Jamie Turnbull

Sources:

Scripture reading(s) taken from the New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised) unless otherwise stated.

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