

Edinburgh: The New Town Church
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
16 February 2025

'Blessings?'

'The Lord your God is in your midst. He will rejoice over you and be glad; he will show you his love once more.'

Zephaniah 3: 17

Welcome

Call to Worship

Minister: Blessed are those who walk in God's ways:

All: Let us walk in God's path, shaped by God's word.

Minister: Those who stay close to God are like trees planted by a stream – strong, growing, and full of life.

**All: We want to be rooted in God's love,
drawing strength day by day, trusting and thriving.**

Minister: Come, then, let us worship almighty God, our source, our joy, our life.

(Based on Psalm 1)

Hymn CH4 511 Your hand, O God, has guided

We bring to God our Prayers of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

First Thoughts

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession and the Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life. Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

Sharing The Peace

Peace be with you
And also with you

We hear The Word of God

Psalm CH4 1 Psalm 1 (How blest are those who do not stray)

First Lesson Jeremiah Chapter 17 verses 5 – 10

Gospel Lesson St Luke Chapter 6 verses 17 – 26

Anthem

Sermon *Blessings?*

Hymn CH4 362 Heaven shall not wait

Prayers of the People

Hymn CH4 513 Courage, brother! do not stumble

Benediction and Sung Amen

Worship Leaders: Rev'd Dr Conor Fegan

Scripture Reader: Jimmy Campbell

Prayers of the people: Walter Dunlop

Organist/pianist: John Riley

Sources:

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

All hymns from Church Hymnary 4th Edition (CH4) unless otherwise stated. GWA - God Welcomes All, supplement to CH4.

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