

Edinburgh: The New Town Church  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
18 May 2025

*'The Church: what is it good for?'*

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*"Make your paths known to me, Lord; teach me your ways. Lead me by your faithfulness  
and teach me, for you are God my saviour."*

*Psalms 25: 4 - 5*

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship*

Minister: Come, people of God, gathered by the call of the Spirit, shaped by the grace  
of Christ, and welcomed by the love of the Father:

**All: We come to worship the Living God, who breaks down walls and builds up the  
body of Christ.**

Minister: In the stories that challenge us, in the welcome that stretches us, in the Spirit  
who surprises us still:

**All: God is with us: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, ever expanding, ever  
embracing.**

Minister: Come, let us open our hearts, widen our vision, and lift our voices in praise. Let  
us worship almighty God.

**Hymn** CH4 739 The Church's one foundation

*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*

**Kyrie eleison** CH4 648

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments; he 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 104 Psalm 148 (*The Lord of heaven confess*)

First Lesson Acts Chapter 11 verses 1 – 18

Gospel Lesson St John Chapter 13 verses 31 – 35

Anthem

Sermon *The Church: What Is It Good For?*

Intimations

*We Bring to God our Prayers of Dedication and Commemoration*

Hymn CH4 619 & 620 Spirit of the living God

*Prayers of the People*

Hymn CH4 352 O for a thousand tongues, to sing (*verses 1,2,4,&6*)

*Benediction and Sung Amen*

Worship Leaders: Rev'd Dr Conor Fegan  
Scripture Reader: Charles Bergius  
Prayers of the people: Sally & Nick Evans  
Organist: David Stewart

*Sources:*

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

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