



GREYFRIARS

kirk in worship

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday 9 February 2020**

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

You are warmly invited to remain behind for coffee and sandwiches, served at the back of the church beneath the organ at the end of the service.

Hymns, and other numbered items, can be found in the purple hymnbooks located in the seats in front of you. We invite you to join in saying and singing the parts of the service printed in italics, and to say *Amen* after the prayers.

Organ: Psalm Prelude Set 2 No.2

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Introit:

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

St John 14: 15-17

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

Call to Worship

Hymn 341: Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Call to Prayer & Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Leader: In the midst of hunger and war,

All: *we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.*

Leader: In the midst of oppression and tyranny,

All: *we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.*

Leader: In the midst of doubt and despair,

All: *we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.*

Leader: In the midst of fear and betrayal,

All: *we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.*

Leader: In the midst of hatred and death,

All: *we celebrate the promise of love and life.*

Leader: In the midst of sin and decay,

All: *we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.*

Leader: In the midst of death on every side,

All: *we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Tune at Hymn 648

Collect for the day:

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**A Time for All:
What does being blessed or being happy mean to you?**

Anthem:

Prevent* us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

* = go before

The Word of God

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 58: 1 – 9a

OT, p. 715

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 – 12

NT, p. 4

Reader: Ian Proudfoot

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord,

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 360: *Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets*

Tune: Noël Nouvelet

Sermon

Dr Urzula Glienecke

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage
join hands, conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.*

*We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.*

*We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.*

*We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully
and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.*

Amen

The Offering

*Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend;
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.*

Tune: Heaven Shall not Wait, at Hymn 362

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words at Hymn 652

Hymn 362 (vv. 2-4): *Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes*

Leader: A blessing on you who are poor;

All: *yours is the kingdom of God.*

Leader: A blessing on you who mourn;

All: *you shall be comforted.*

Leader: A blessing on you who hunger for justice;

All: *you shall be satisfied.*

Leader: A blessing on you who make peace;

All: *you shall be called children of God.*

Leader: A blessing on you who are persecuted for the cause of right;

All: *yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Leader: Christ has come to turn the world upside down;

All: *to humble the powerful and to lift up the lowly.*

Leader: Christ has come to turn the tables;

All: *to topple vain idols and to stand with the poor.*

Leader: Christ has come to proclaim God's kingdom:

Men: *to feed the hungry,*

Women: *to give sight to the blind,*

Men: *to strengthen the weary,*

Women: *to set the prisoners free.*

Leader: Christ has come to turn the world upside down;

All: *to overthrow the present order with a revolution of love. Amen*

Benediction

Amen

Recessional Hymn 710: *'I have a dream', a man once said*

Tune: Repton

Organ: Passacaglia

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

NOTES

The Kirk's new and improved **web site** is at www.greyfriarskirk.com. Please visit it for up-to-date information on all our activities.

The **Minister**, Richard Frazer, or the **Associate Minister**, Ken Luscombe, are happy to meet anyone to discuss any matter. To arrange an appointment or a visit, whether you are a member or not, please contact either Richard on 667-6610 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com, or Ken by email at associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com, or the Kirk office on 225-1900.

Children are welcome at Greyfriars: please feel free to use the crèche, and the children's space, at the back of the church. The **Gaelic Service** at 12.30 pm today will be led by Dr Duncan Sneddon. Later, the **Study Service** at 7.00 pm in the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will be on the topic "The place of the ascended Jesus and the Spirit in Christian Prayer."

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 13 February: Mid-week Prayers at 1.10 pm – please join us for 20 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection.

Sunday 16 February: Morning Service at 11.00 am.

Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm – Mr John Archie MacMillan.

Refugio at 7.00 pm – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

Sunday 23 February: Joint Service of Holy Communion, with our local ecumenical partner churches, at 11.00 am in **St Columba's by the Castle** at 14 Johnston Terrace.

Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm – Professor Donald Meek.

Sunday 1 March: Holy Communion at 9.30 am.

Morning Service at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

Sunday 8 March: Morning Service at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

Traffic restriction: because of the replacement of a gas main in Teviot Place, there will be **no right turn** from Teviot Place into Forrest Road until 29 March. Meanwhile, the only vehicle access to the Kirk will be via Lauriston Place then turning **left** into Forrest Road.

This Thursday, 13 February, there will be the regular **Coffee Morning** from 10.30 am to 12 noon at the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance.

The Greyfriars **lunchtime concert** at 12 noon this Thursday, 13 February, will be a piano recital by **George Kypridemos**.

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Heart for Art continues this Thursday, 13 February, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance. There are information leaflets on one of the tables in the Kirk.

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If you are a UK tax payer, please use **Gift Aid** to let Greyfriars Kirk claim 25p from HM Revenue & Customs for every £1 you donate, by putting your open collection donation in the Gift Aid envelopes provided - these can be found in the backs of the chairs, or ask one of the duty elders. If the church office already has your address, you need not put it on the envelope - just your name and the date.