



# GREYFRIARS

kirk in worship

*life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd*

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday 16 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:** Prelude on "Rhosymedre"

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### Introit:

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge; but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore.

Henry Bull, *Christian Prayers* (1568)

John Hilton (d. 1608)

## Call to Worship

***Hymn 543: Longing for light***

*Tune: Christ be our Light*

## Call to Prayer

### Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Tune at Hymn 781*

### ***Collect for the day:***

*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*

## A Time for All

***Hymn 716: Come and find the quiet centre***

*Tune: Lewis Folk Melody*

## The Word of God

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4: 1 – 12

NT, p. 193

Reader: Rus Loten

**Hymn 33** (Psalms 42-43): *As the deer longs for running streams*

**Gospel:** Matthew 10: 1 – 16

NT, p. 10

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord,

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem:**

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore.

Selected Bible verses and the Lord's Prayer

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

**Sermon**

Rev Dr Richard Frazer

***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**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, the Trinity of love,  
Before, beneath, around, above.*

*Tune: Tallis's Canon, at Hymn 808*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration

*The Lord's Prayer*

Words at Hymn 652

*Hymn 500: Lord of creation, to you be all praise*

Tune: Slane

**Benediction**

*Amen*

***Sung Response:***

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;*

*May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Tune at Hymn 786

**Organ:** Chorale Prelude on "Dundee", Set 1 No.1

C H H Parry (1848-1918)

## NOTES

The Kirk's new and improved **web site** is at [www.greyfriarskirk.com](http://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](mailto:minister@greyfriarskirk.com), or Ken by email at [associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto: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 Mr John Archie MacMillan. Later, here at 7.00 pm, there will be Refugio, our monthly reflective service of Holy Communion; and the **Study Service** at 7.00 pm in the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will be on the topic "Do ethical systems ultimately depend on a knowledge of God?"

### **Forthcoming Services:**

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

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.

Sunday 15 March: Morning Service at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

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

**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.

The Greyfriars **lunchtime concert** at 12 noon this Thursday, 20 February, will be a piano recital by **Daniel Silcock**.

**Heart for Art** continues on Thursday week, 27 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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## NOTES (ctd)

**Invitation to the Robin Chapel, Craigmillar:** in thanking Greyfriars Kirk Session and congregation for the recent welcome gift of Communion Silver, the Trustees of the Thistle Foundation would like to welcome any visitors to the **Robin Chapel** (in Niddrie Mains Road, EH16 4EA -- see [www.robinchapel.org.uk](http://www.robinchapel.org.uk)) at 2.00 pm, both on Thursday 27 February and Thursday 26 March. Visitors will be given the opportunity to learn of the history of the Robin Chapel, its Royal connections, and its ongoing work. There will be the opportunity to view the outstanding stained glass windows depicting scenes from the "Pilgrim's Progress", and the intricate wood carving which is unique. Visitors will also be invited to come to the Foundation's Centre for Wellbeing and learn something of the work done by its 450 staff with people facing various disabilities. Afternoon tea will round off the event which will end about 4.00 pm. The visit is free, but we would ask you to enrol for it on the Eventbrite website\* so that we can have an indication of numbers for catering.

\* <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--edinburgh/events/> and search the events for 'robin chapel'.

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