



# GREYFRIARS

kirk in worship

*life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd*

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday 08 March 2020**

"The winds of grace are always blowing, but you have to raise the sail"

Ramakrishna

## 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 1

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

**Introit:** Litany to the Holy Spirit

In the hour of my distress when temptations me oppress,  
And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, Comfort me, Comfort me.

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head,  
And with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, Comfort me, Comfort me.

When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drown'd with sleep,  
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, Comfort me , Comfort me.

Words by Robert Herrick (1591 – 1674)

Peter Hurford (1930 – 2019)

## Call to Worship

***Hymn 162: The God of Abraham praise***

*Tune: Leoni*

## Call to Prayer

### Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Tune at Hymn 648*

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

*Almighty God, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross. Give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen

## A Time for All

***Hymn 540: I heard the voice of Jesus say***

*Tune: The Rowan Tree*

## The Word of God

**Hebrew Scriptures:** Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

OT, p. 10

Reader: Rognvald Munro

**Hymn 81** (Psalm 121): *I to the hills*

Tune: French (Dundee)

**Gospel:** John 3: 1 – 17

NT, p. 100

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

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

**Anthem:**

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

Antiphon at the Visitation of the Sick (Book of Common Prayer) John Goss (1800-1880)

**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**

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,  
Whom angels serve and saints adore,  
The Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
To whom be praise for evermore. Amen.*

*Tune: Gonfalon Royal, at Hymn 810*

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration**

***The Lord's Prayer***

*Words at Hymn 652*

***Hymn 562: Through the love of God, our Saviour***

*Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos*

### **Benediction**

***Amen***

*Tune at Hymn 822*

**Organ:** Prelude, from Organ Sonata No. 6 in E Flat Minor,

Josef Rheinberger (1813-1901)

## 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 Dr Duncan Sneddon. Later, the **Study Service** at 7.00 pm in the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will be on the topic " LIFE IN CHRIST: THE LAW FULFILLED AND TRANSCENDED"

### **Forthcoming Services:**

Thursday 12 March: Mid-week Prayers at 1.10 pm – please join us  
for 20 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection.

Sunday 15 March: 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 22 March: Morning Service at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

Sunday 29 March: Holy Communion at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

Sunday 5 April: Holy Communion at 9.30 am, and Morning Service at 11.00 am.

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.

The Greyfriars **lunchtime concert** at 12 noon this Thursday, 12 March, will be a recital by accordion duo **Valerie Barr** and **Alena Bulatetskya**.

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

**Heart for Art** continues on Thursday 12 March, 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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Next Sunday, 15 March, at the morning Service will see the ordination of two new elders, Anne Bradbury and Jamie Sutherland, whom we welcome to the Kirk Session.

Trees help in maintaining the ecological balance of the earth by emission of oxygen and absorption of carbon dioxide. Fruit orchards are also wonderful places for community. Come and witness the planting of the first five trees of the Orchard Project in the Greyfriars Kirkyard between the 11 am and 12:30 pm services on Sunday the 15th of March. We'd love to have you join us for this special time!

All are welcome to this year's **Lent Studies** with our local ecumenical partners which begin next Sunday, 15 March, at 1.00 pm in Augustine United Church on George IV Bridge, and will continue until 5 April. Each study session will consist of a film showing, followed by discussion.

The **Kirk Session** will meet in the Kirk at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 25 March.

**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 on 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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