



GREYFRIARS

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Online Worship

Order of Service – Sunday 14 June 2020

You are very warmly invited to join us and watch this service online, at the usual time of 11am. The service will remain available for those who wish to enjoy this at another time too. You can access our services here: www.greyfriarskirk.com/online-services.

- 1. Introductory Music:** “Consolation No. 3”, Franz Liszt, performed by Joy Luscombe.
- 2. Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Rev Richard Frazer.
- 3. Hymn:** “Praise my soul the King of Heaven” (No. 160 in CH4), played by Henry Wallace, sung by Henry and Amelia Wallace.

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!

widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

4. Reading: from the New Revised Standard Version, read by Angela McSeveney.

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Matthew 7:15-29.

15 ‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will know them by their fruits.

21 ‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?” ²³ Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”

24 ‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

5. Hymn: “Come Down O Love Divine” (No. 489 in CH4), played by Henry Wallace, sung by Amelia Wallace.

1. Come down, O Love Divine,
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn

to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirt makes a dwelling.

5. Address: Rev Ken Luscombe.

6. Music for reflection: "Amazing Grace", performed by Joy Luscombe (*Memories*, 2008)

7. Pastoral prayer, Lord's Prayer and blessing: Rev Philipp Ross (the blessing will be in German).

8. Hymn: "Inspired by love and anger" (No. 253 in CH4, starred versus omitted), played by Henry Wallace.

1. Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain
informed of God's own bias,
we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

2. From those for ever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:

'Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?

5. God asks, 'who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'

6. Amused in someone's kitchen,
asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed, and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.