



GREYFRIARS

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Online Worship Order of Service – Sunday 16 August 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:** “Trumpet Voluntary”, Henry Purcell, played by Henry Wallace
- 2. Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Rev Richard Frazer
- 3. Hymn:** “Praise to the Holiest” (378 in CH4) played by Henry Wallace, sung by Amelia Wallace.
 1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise, –
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
 2. O Loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
 3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.
 4. O generous love! that he who smote
in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man,
for man should undergo;
 5. And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire

to suffer and to die.

6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise, –
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

4. Readings: from the New Revised Standard Version, read by Rev Anne Ross

Genesis 45: 1–15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 15: 21–28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us. ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the

dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

5. **Music:** "Opus 26", Dustin O'Halloran, played by Alison Gregson
6. **Sermon:** Rev Richard Frazer
7. **Song:** "Let it Go" Leunig (poem) and Frisk (music), performed by the Grassmarket Community Choir
8. **Pastoral prayer, Lord's Prayer and blessing:** Rev Ken Luscombe
9. **Hymn:** "Longing for Light" (543 in CH4) played by Henry Wallace, sung by Amelia Wallace.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Making us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell (*b.* 1957)