

ORDER OF SERVICE – 3 JANUARY 2021

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 3 January 2021 – Second Sunday after Christmas

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. Whether you are watching online or in person, thank you for joining us today. During in-person services, please ensure that you are following the one-way system, adhering to a two-metre distance from others and staying seated as much as possible in order to create plenty of space between one another. We know things look a little bit different than usual, and we are grateful to you for your adherence to the rules to keep us all as safe as possible. All Sunday services are available in our online library for viewing at any time at greyfriarskirk.com/online-services.

This morning's service is conducted by Gillian Couper and Jo Elliot.

Organ: : "Das alte Jahr vergangen ist", BWV 614

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn 5 (Psalm 8):

- 1. O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth how glorious is your name,
and glorious too where unseen heavens your majesty proclaim.
On infant lips, in children's song a strong defence you raise
to counter enemy and threat, and foil the rebel's ways.*
- 2. When I look up and see the stars which your own fingers made,
and wonder at the moon and stars, each perfectly displayed,
then I must ask, 'Why do you care? Why love humanity?
And why keep every mortal name fixed in your memory?'*
- 3. Yet such as us you made and meant just less than gods to be;
with honour and with glory, Lord, you crowned humanity.
And then dominion you bestowed for all made by your hand,
all sheep and cattle, birds and fish that move through sea or land.
O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth how glorious is your name!*

John L. Bell

Prayer of Approach

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..

Amen

Hymn 458:

1. *At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of Glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*
2. *Brothers, sisters, name him with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.*
3. *In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
let his grace support you in temptation's hour,
and his will enfold you in its light and power.*
4. *In his Father's glory Christ shall come again,
angel hosts proclaiming his return to reign.
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.*

Caroline Maria Noel

The Word of God

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Reader: Jamie Sutherland

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Gospel: John 1: 10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."' From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Hymn 153:

- 1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided – great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*
- 2. Summer and winter, and seed time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

Thomas Chisholm

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn 786: *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.*

Organ: "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her", BWV 700

J. S. Bach

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