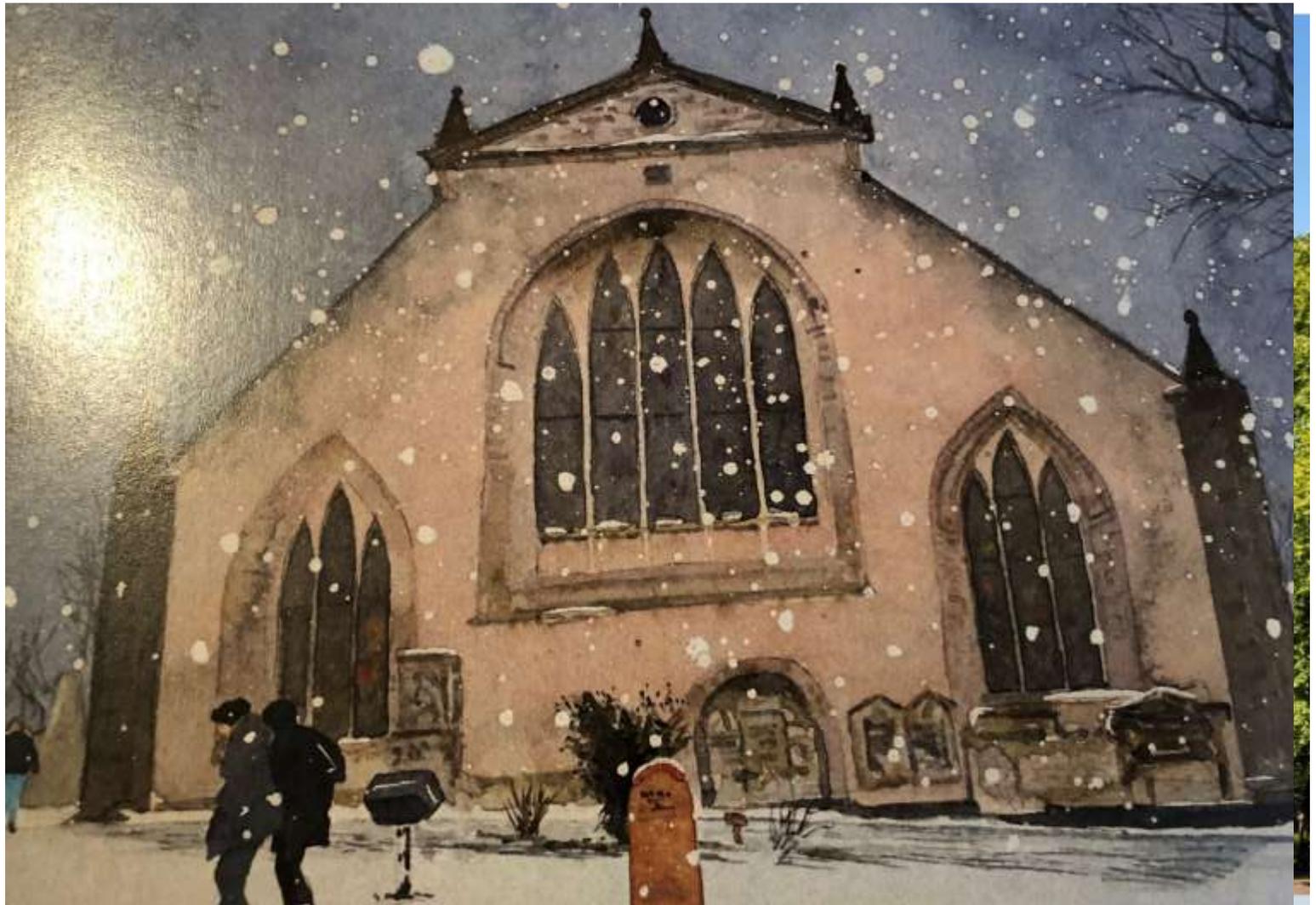


Christmas Eve - 23-24 December 2020

GREYFRIARS KIRK



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Wednesday 23 December, 3:00 pm & Thursday 24 December, 5:00 pm

Organ Prelude: "Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen" by Johannes Brahms,
played by Henry Wallace

Welcome: Rev Richard Frazer

Carol: "Adeste Fideles", by John Francis Wade, composed by Chris Hutchings
and sung by the Wimbledon Choral Society

Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, venite, venite in Bethlehem,
Natum videte regem angelorum; venite, adoremus Dominum.

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, gestant puellae viscera,
Deum verum, genitum, non factum; venite, adoremus Dominum.

Cantet nunc io, chorus angelorum, cantet nunc aula celestium,
"Gloria in excelsis deo!" Venite, adoremus Dominum.

Opening Prayer: Rev Richard Frazer

Communal Prayer *(said by all): Come, royal messenger, sender and summoner, put the glory back in all we do. The door is open, open our hearts. Come, Bethlehem child, the cradle awaits you, for we have need of you. The door is open, open our hearts. Come, Redeemer, Lamb without blemish, come to the lost and the blamed and the battered, the outsider and the ones who are shunned, the people who wake in the night afraid of the morning, the terrified and the torn, the exhausted and the weary, the ones who are sure they are forgotten. The door is open, open our hearts. Amen*

Lesson 1: read by the Right Honourable Frank Ross, Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh

Genesis 1: 1 – 5 and 26 - 28

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was

light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Carol: "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Christina Rossetti,
sung by Henry and Amelia Wallace

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him nor earth sustain,
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim throngèd the air;
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Lesson 2: read by Mr Colin Buckie, Proprietor of Bobby's Sandwich Bar

Isaiah 9: 2 and 6 - 7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and

to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Carol: "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night), composed by Franz Xaver Gruber
to lyrics by Joseph Mohr, sung by Henry and Amelia Wallace

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, hirten erst kundgemacht
Durch der Engel Halleluja, tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter ist da! Christ, der Retter ist da!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund, da uns schlägt die rettende Stund'.
Christ, in deiner Geburt! Christ, in deiner Geburt!

Lesson 3: read by the Rev Anne Ross

Luke 1: 26 - 32

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

Anthem: "In Dulci Jubilo", arranged by R. L. De Pearsall,
sung by Henry and Amelia Wallace

Lesson 4: Read by Mr Laurence Errington, a member
of the Grassmarket Community Project

Luke 2: 1 - 7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Poem: read by Mrs Isobel Hutchings, member of Greyfriars Kirk

I come from hevin [heich] to tell the best nowells that e'er befell.
To you thir tythings trew I bring and I will of them say and sing.
This day to you is born ane Child of Marie meik and Virgin mild.
That blissit bairn bening and kind sall you rejoyce baith hart and mind.
O my deir hart, yung Jesus sweit, prepar thy creddill in my spreit!
And I sall rock thee in my hart and never mair fra thee depart.
Bot I sall praise thee evermoir with sangis sweit unto thy gloir.
The kneis of my hart sall I bow and sing that rycht Balulalow.

Martin Luther,
tr. Rob^t Wedderburn c. 1540

Reflection: Rev Richard Frazer

Lesson 5: read by Ms Charlotte Golledge, author
of the book, *Greyfriars Graveyard* (2018)

Luke 2: 8 - 20

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Anthem: " Tàladh Chrìosda" by Fr. Ranaid Rankin,
sung by Amelia Wallace, played by Henry Wallace

Lesson 6: Read by Mr Rognvald Munro, member of Greyfriars Kirk

Matthew 2: 1 – 12 (Lorimer's translation in Scots)

Jesus wis born at Bethlehem in Judaea i the days o King Herod, an it wis nae time efter his birth or a curn spaemen frae the Aist cam tae Jerusalem an begoud speirin, "Whaur is the King o Jews at hes come hame eenou? We saw the risin o his stairn, and ar come wast for tae wurship him."

King Herod wis sair pitten about tae hear that, and een sae wis the hail o Jerusalem. Sae he convened aa the Heid-Priests an Doctors o the Law I the kintra an speired at them whaur the Christ wis tae be born.

"At Bethlehem in Judaea." said they, "een as the Prophet says in his buik:

'An thou, Bethlehem i the Laund o Judah, is naegate the least amangthe Clans o Israel, for frae thee will gang furth a leader at will herd my peiple Israel.' "

Herod then caa'd the spaemen til him in hidlins, an whan he hed lairnt frae them the day an hour o the stairn's kythin, he sent them awa tae Bethlehem, biddin them gang their waas an seek out aa the speirins they coud win at anent the bairn: "An whan ye hae fund him," go he, "bring me back wurd, sae at I may gae an wurship him mysel."

They did een as the King baud them, and tuik the gate; an, behaud, thair wis the stairn gaein on afore them, on an on, or it stappit abuin the houss whaur the bairn wis; an byous blythe war they tae see the stairn! Syne they gaed ben, an saw the bairn, wi Mary his mither; an they fell on their knees an wurshippit him, an apnin their treisur-kists, they laid gifts afore him — gowd, an frankincense, an myrrh. Than they fuir awa hame anither gate nor they hed come, sin they hed been warnished in a draim no tae gae back til Herod.

Carol: "The Blessed Son of God", by Vaughan Williams, sung by Henry and Amelia Wallace

The blessed son of God only in a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood was clothed that everlasting good.
Kyri'eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear, was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery, that we might live eternally.
Kyri'eleison.

All this did he for us freely, for to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore, and give him thanks for evermore.
Kyri'eleison.

Lesson 7: Read by Ms Enid Watkins, Communications Coordinator at Greyfriars Kirk

John 1: 1 - 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Rev Richard Frazer

The Collect for Christmas Eve (*said by all*): *All-embracing God, bound in mystery beyond the stars, but made clear in the stable that was lit up by a star, this special night is radiant with the brilliance of your message of love, hope, peace and good will to all. As we go from this place, may we bring that light into our homes, the places where we work, meet people and make plans. May the light of the Bethlehem stable be a light to guide us in the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* *Amen*

Anthem: "O Clavis David", composed by Chris Hutchings,
sung by the Quodlibet Chorale, directed by Iain McLarty

O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel; qui aperis, et nemo claudit;
claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vincitum de domo carceris,
sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis. from the O Antiphons

(*O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut;
you shut and no one can open: come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.)*

Blessing: Rev Richard Frazer

Organ: "Fantasia on 'In dulci jubilo' " by Johann Sebastian Bach,
played by Henry Wallace