

ORDER OF SERVICE – 28 FEBRUARY 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 28 February 2021 – Second Sunday in Lent

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available in our online library for viewing at any time at greyfriarskirk.com/online-services.

Organ: Choral Prelude 'St Cross'

C. H. H. Parry

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Rev Richard Frazer

Collect for the Day:

Out of the workshop, the table. Out of the forge, the chalice. Out of the bakery, the bread. Out of the grape, the wine. Here are the gifts of God, the work of sun and rain and the patient earth, and the skill of human hands. We come to be feasted, we the hungry. We come to be captured, we the unruly. We come to be gripped, we the unsteady. Into the midst of us, holy and human, Christ is here. Close to the best of us and to the worst of us, he promises to bless. And we give thanks.

Amen

Hymn 392:

1. *When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*
2. *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*
3. *See! from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
4. *Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Isaac Watts

The Word of God

Genesis 17: 1 – 5 and 15 – 16

Reader: Dr Peter Rae

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Mark 8: 31 – 38

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Sermon

Rev Richard Frazer

Music for Reflection: 'If ye love me, keep my commandments'

Thomas Tallis, sung by
Henry and Amelia Wallace

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

We believe that God is revealed in the life of Jesus Christ in grace, mercy and justice.

*We believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world
even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.*

*We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us
to abundant life both now and forever.*

We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.

*We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as people who trust
in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 166:

1. *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
2. *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
3. *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*
4. *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Jan Struther

Blessing

Organ: Choral Prelude on St Mary

C. H. H. Parry