

ORDER OF SERVICE – 14 MARCH 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 March 2021 – Mothering Sunday

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: Grand Plein Jeu, from Variations on Lobe den Herren

David Briggs

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Rev Ken Luscombe

Collect for the Springtime:

*Creator God, provider supreme, as the days lengthen and springtime approaches,
we commit ourselves anew to the sacred task of tending and caring for creation.*

We will cherish the digging. We will cherish the planting.

We will cherish the cooking. We will cherish the eating.

We will cherish the plants. We will cherish the birds.

We will cherish the beasts of the field. We will cherish the gift of life.

*Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us, the earth that is beneath us,
all creatures who are around us and your image deep within us.*

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Hymn 147:

1. *All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!*
*Bright brother sun with golden beam, clear silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. *Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong, high clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!*
*New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice, and lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
3. *Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!*
*Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright, giving to all both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
4. *Dear mother earth, who day by day unfold's God's blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!*
*All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

5. *And all who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O praise him, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
6. *And you, most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our fading breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
You homeward lead the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way has trod:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
7. *Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

St Francis of Assisi

The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture: Song of Songs 2: 8 – 13

Reader: Rev Ken Luscombe

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Gospel: John 12: 20 – 26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

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

Sermon: Rev Ken Luscombe

Music for Reflection: Arcadiana, Op. 12 (6) 'O Albion'

Thomas Adès, arr. Clements

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: O angels of the Lord, bless the Lord; O saints of these parts, bless the Lord;
O servants of Christ who here have sung praises to God, through many generations,

All: *Praise him and bless him for ever.*

Leader: O souls of the faithful who rest in Jesus, bless the Lord; O kindly folk of this place,
bless the Lord; O sheep and horned cattle, O lambs that jump in the fields,

All: *Praise him and bless him for ever.*

Leader: O fish that glisten in the waters, O rooks that caw from the sycamores, bless the Lord;
O buzzards that float on the wind-currents,

All: *Praise him and bless him for ever.*

Leader: O gulls that fill the beaches with your clamour, bless the Lord;
O terns and gannets that dive headlong for your prey, bless the Lord;
O dunlins that wheel in unison over the waves,

All: *Praise him and bless him for ever.*

Leader: O larks that carol in the heavens, bless the Lord; O blackbirds that pipe at dawning,
bless the Lord; O warblers and wrens that make the fields joyful with song,
bless the Lord; O bees that love the heather,

All: *Praise him and bless him for ever.*

Leader: O flowers that gem the earth with colour, bless the Lord;
O green trees that stand tall on the hillsides,

All: *Praise him and bless him for ever.*

Leader: O piled rocks, fashioned by nature's might through countless ages, bless the Lord;
O majestic peaks, O white sand and emerald shallows, O blue and purple deeps
of ocean, bless the Lord; O winds and cloud,

All: *Praise him and bless him for ever.*

Leader: O all the works of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 543:

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. Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! . . .*
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.
Christ, be our light! . . .*
4. *Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! . . .*
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.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*

Bernadette Farrell

Benediction

Organ: Freu dich sehr o meine seele

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