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TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 21 March 2021 – Passion 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.

Music: Peace Song

Phamie Gow

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Rev Anne Ross

Collect for the Day:

Loving God, who offers us forgiveness and renewal by the power of the Spirit; when we have not touched you, but trampled you in creation, when we have not met you, but missed you in one another, when we have not received you, but rejected you in the poor; you forgive us and offer us hope, reconciliation, and the chance to begin again. Help us to take that chance today, knowing that you are beside us in your risen power. Amen

Hymn 378:

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depths 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 depths be praise, —
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman

The Word of God

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

Reader: Rev Richard Frazer

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make

with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12: 20 – 33

Reader: Rev Anne Ross

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.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

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

Hymn 379:

(Trisagion and Reproaches)

Cantor: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: O my people, what have I done to thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Answer me.
I brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, and led thee to a land exceeding good:
and thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: Before thee I opened the sea: and with a spear thou hast opened my side.
I went before thee in a pillar of cloud:
and thou hast brought me to the judgment hall of Pilate.

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: I fed thee with manna in the desert: and thou hast beaten me with blows and stripes.
I made thee to drink the water of salvation from the rock:
and thou hast made me to drink gall and vinegar.

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: I gave thee a royal sceptre: and thou hast given my head a crown of thorns.

I lifted thee up with great power: and thou hast hung me upon the gibbet of the cross.

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

(Lenten Creed, from Patmos Abbey)

*We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.*

*We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace
is like living waters that can never be exhausted.*

*We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare
as a mother yearns for her child.*

*We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.*

*We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.*

*We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.*

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ.

Amen

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer: Rev Anne Ross

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

Organ: Meditation

Maurice Duruflé