

ORDER OF SERVICE – 28 MARCH 2021

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



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TO WORSHIP

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 28 March 2021 – Palm 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](http://greyfriarskirk.com/online-services).

**Organ:** , Wem in Leidenstagen

Peter Hurford

**Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Rev Richard Frazer

***Collect for the Day:***

*Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.* Amen

***Hymn 167:***

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till my want is o'er.*
2. *Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.*
3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside!  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side!  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.*

William Williams

### The Word of God

**Psalm 118: 1-2 and 19-29**

Reader: Margaret Wallace

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name

of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

### **Mark 11: 1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

**Sermon:** Rev Ken Luscombe

**Organ Music for Reflection:** Ach Gott und Herr, BWV 714

J. S. Bach

### ***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 Richard Frazer

### *Hymn 399:*

1. *My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me:  
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*
2. *He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;  
But people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!*
3. *Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.*
4. *Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.*
5. *They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord done away;  
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.*
6. *In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heaven was his home: but mine the tomb wherein he lay.*
7. *Here might I stay and sing no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

Samuel Crossman

### **Blessing** – Rev Richard Frazer

**Organ:** Adagio, from Voluntary No.8 in D Minor

John Stanley