

ORDER OF SERVICE – 28 MARCH 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
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.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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