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TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 4 April 2021 – Easter Day

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.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair.
We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

Pope John Paul II

Organ: Largo, from Trio Sonata No.2 in C minor, BWV 526

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship – Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 410:

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day,, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*
3. *But the anguish he endured, Alleluia! our salvation has procured; Alleluia!
Now in heaven Christ is King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
4. *Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

from Lyra Davidica

Prayer of Approach – Rev Ken Luscombe

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Collect for the Day:

Lord of life and vulnerability, through the resurrection of Jesus, you have shown that death is not the final word and that everlasting life begins amongst us now. Grant that we, who are looking for restoration, would find life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we may experience new life in Him, who with you and the Holy Spirit make all things new, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The Word of God

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Reader: Rev Ken Luscombe

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hymn 78 (Psalm 118):

1. *Oh, set ye open unto me the gates of righteousness:
then I will enter into them, and I the Lord will bless.*
2. *This is the gate of God, by it the just shall enter in.
Thee will I praise, who answered me and hast my safety been.*
3. *That stone is made head corner-stone, which builders did despise:
this is the doing of the Lord, and wondrous in our eyes.*
4. *This is the day God made, in it we'll joy triumphantly.
Save now, I pray thee, Lord; I pray, send now prosperity.*
5. *Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt; my God, I will thee praise.
Give thanks to God, for he is good: his mercy lasts always.*

Scottish Psalter

John 20: 1 - 18

Reader: Rev Anne Ross

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When

she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come; who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen. We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love. Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love; but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him. We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen

Anthem:

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.

(Blessed are they whose way is undefiled, who walk in the law of the Lord.)

Psalm 119: 1

C Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

Piano: Elegy, by John Ireland

Victoria Irvine

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayer – Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 198:

1. *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*
2. *Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome in this place.*
3. *Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome in this place.*
4. *Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome in this place.*
5. *Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen

Benediction

Organ: Postlude on "Hanover", from Four Chorale Improvisations

Eric Thiman