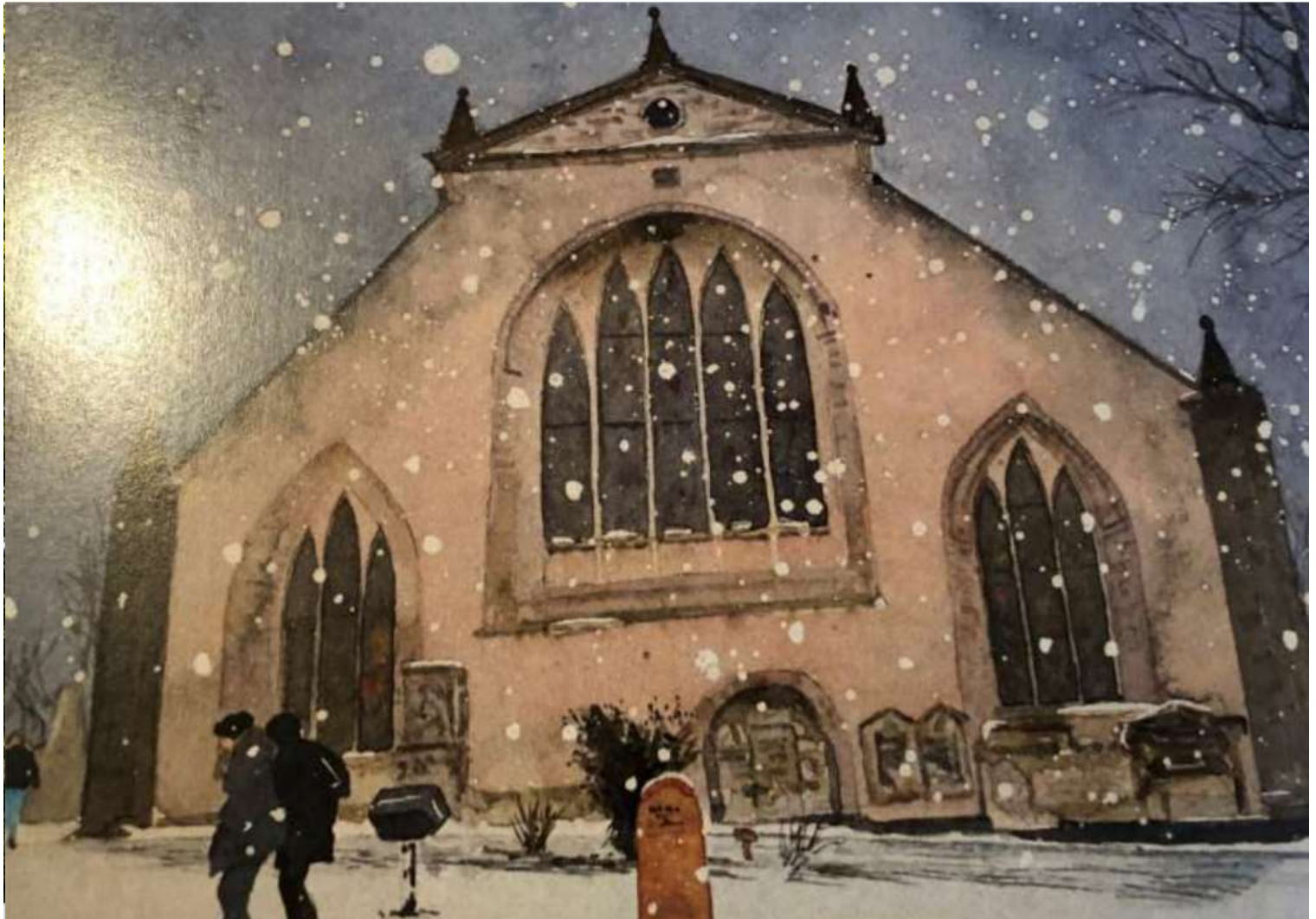


ORDER OF SERVICE – 2 January 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
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Sunday 2 January 2022 – Second Sunday after Christmas

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time at bit.ly/greyfriarstv.

Organ: New Year Chorale 'In dir ist Freude'

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Leader: Light has come into the world:

All: A light no darkness can quench.

Leader: The light exposes deeds of evil:

All: A light to keep us from falling.

Leader: The light reveals to us the way we should follow:

All: A light to guide our pilgrimage.

Leader: The light shines that we might live by its goodness:

All: A light to strengthen the light that is within us.

Leader: Jesus Christ the Light of the World:

All: A light to chase away all fear.

Leader: Christ as a light, illumine and guide us. Christ as a shield, o'ershadow and cover us.

*All: Christ under us, Christ over us, Christ behind us, Christ before us,
Christ this day within, without us.*

Leader: The light of Christ has come into the world,

All: A light no darkness can quench.

Hymn 331:

1. *Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation, the Lord of every nation.*
2. *Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;
and the very beasts could see that he all folk surpasses, that he all folk surpasses.*
3. *Herod then with fear was filled: 'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed at Beth'lem in his fury, at Beth'lem in his fury.*
4. *Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us, unto the joys above us.*
5. *Omega and Alpha he! Let the organ thunder,
while we sing our songs with glee and rend the air asunder, and rend the air asunder.*

15th c. Latin, tr. Percy Dearmer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Grant that your people may shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Amen

The Word of God

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Reader: Leslie Munro

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2: 1 – 12 (Lorimer)

Jesus wis born at Bethlehem in Judaea I the days o King Herod, an it wis nae time efter his birth or a curn spaemen frae the Aist cam tae Jerusalem an begoud speirin, "Whaur is the King o Jews at hes come hame eenou? We saw the risin o his stairn, an ar come wast for tae worship him." King Herod wis sair pitten about tae hear that, an een sae wis the hail o Jerusalem. Sae he convened aa the Heid-Priests an Doctors o the Law in the kintra an speired at them whaur the Christ wis tae be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," said they, "een as the Prophet says in his buik:

'An thou, Bethlehem i the Laund o Judah, is naegate the least among the Clans o Israel, for frae thee will gang furth a leader at will herd my people Israel'."

Herod then caa'd the spaemen til him in hidlins, an whan he hed lairnt frae them the day an hour o the stairn's kythin, he sent them awa tae Bethlehem, biddin them gang their waas an seek out aa the speirins they coud win at anent the bairn: "An whan ye hae fund him," go he, "bring me back wurd, sae at I may gae an wurship him myself."

They did een as the King had baid them, an tuik the gate; an, behaud, thair wis the stairn gaein on afore them, on an on, or it stappit abuin the houss whaur the bairn wis; an byous blythe war they tae see the stairn! Syne they gaed ben, an saw the bairn, wi Mary his mither; an they fell on their knees an wurshippit him, an apnin their treisur-kists, they laid gifts afore him — gowd, an frankincense, an myrrh. Than they fuir awa hame anither gate nor they hed come, sin they hed been warnished in a draim no tae gae back til Herod.

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

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.*
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.*

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4. *Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.*
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

Sermon

Covenant for the New Year:

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.*

Prayers of Concern and Hope

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 326:

1. *As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onwards, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*
2. *As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy-seat.*
3. *As they offered gifts most rare at thy homely cradle bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.*
4. *Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*
5. *In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluia to our King.*

William Chatterton Dix

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Chorale Prelude 'In dir ist Freude'

J.S. Bach