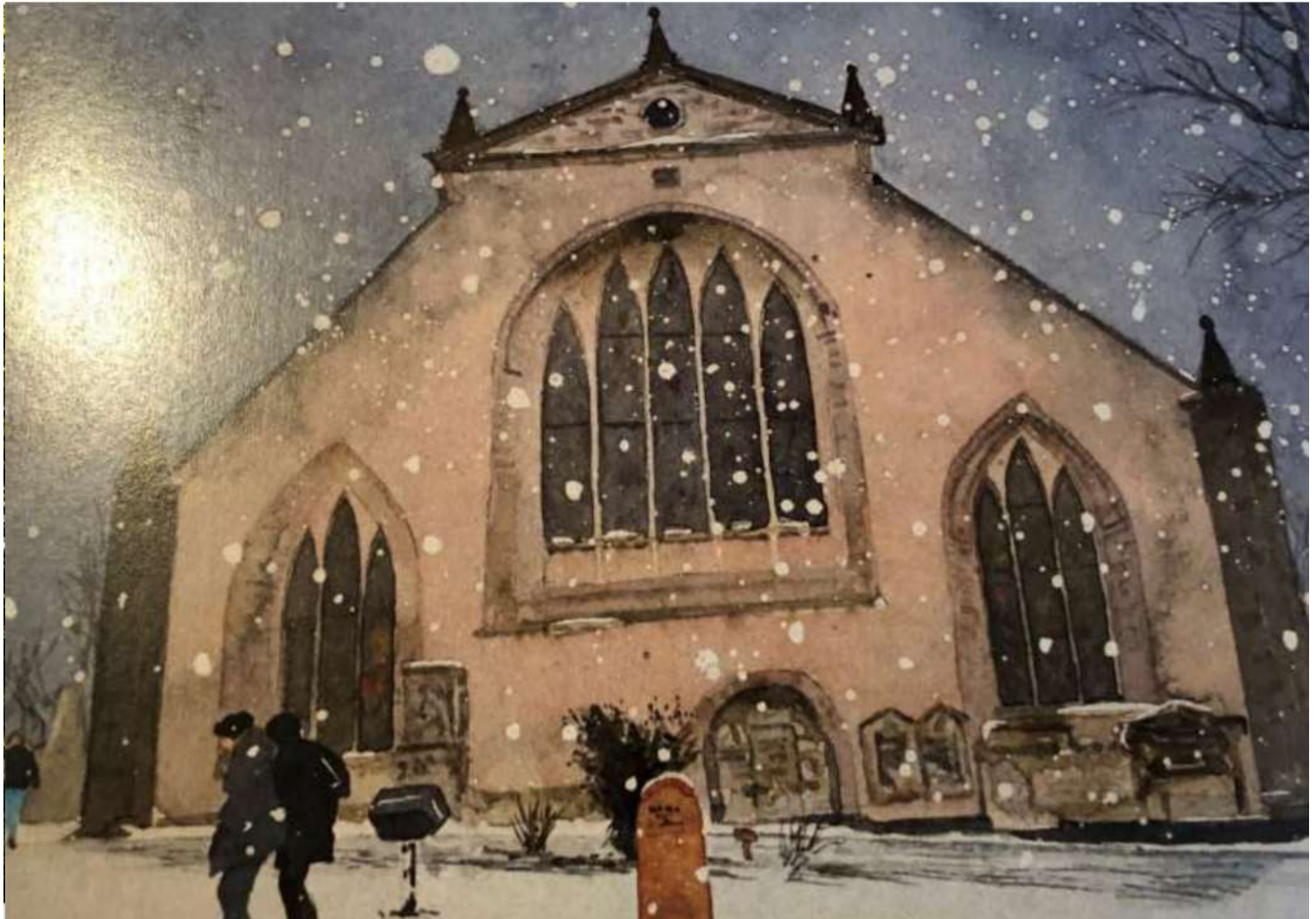


ORDER OF SERVICE – 26 DECEMBER 2021

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**MINISTRY TEAM**

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*life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 26 December 2021 – Boxing Day**

You are very warmly welcomed to our Sunday Service.

**Piano:** Badinerie (from Suite No.2 in B minor)

J. S. Bach

(Piano: Victoria Irvine)

**Welcome and Call to Worship:** Jo Elliot

***Psalm 148, read responsively:***

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- 2 *Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!*
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 *Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!*
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 *He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.*
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
- 8 *fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!*
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 *Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!*
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 *Young men and women alike, old and young together!*
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 *He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!*

**Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon:** Jamie Sutherland

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

***Collect for the Day:***

*O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Amen*

## The Word of God

**Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3**

Reader: Catherine Alexander

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Luke 2: 25 - 40**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

(over)

**Reflection:** Jo Elliot

***The Apostles' Creed:***

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

**Piano** Nocturne Op.54, No 4

Edvard Grieg  
(Piano: Victoria Irvine)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration:** Jamie Sutherland

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

***The Lord's Prayer:***

*Our Father in heaven, hallowèd be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen*

**Benediction**