

ORDER OF SERVICE – 16 JANUARY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 16 January 2022 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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: "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her", BWV 701

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 342:

1. *Says Jesus, 'Come and gather round. I want to teach my friends
some truths about the love I bring, the love that never ends.
Look to the child, here in your midst, who has so much and more to say
of what it means to follow me, to come and walk my way.'*
2. *Christ speaks to us who, growing old, get burdened down with care;
while caution reigns, we seldom see God's presence everywhere.
He points to gifts that children bring – the will to risk, the trust to dare,
through which, no matter where we are, we'll find God always there.*
3. *When was it that we first forgot that questions helped us grow,
or lost the openness to ask and learn what we don't know?
Christ points to gifts that children bring, the searching hearts and lively mind
which let God's kingdom grow in those who seek until they find.*
4. *Lord Jesus, we have gathered round to hear you teach your friends
the truths about the love you bring, the love that never ends.
We look to children in our midst, for they have much and more to say,
and join with them to follow you, to live and walk your way.*

Leith Fisher

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Refreshing God, immerse us in your pure water and your gift of tenderness. Immerse us in your healing water and your gift of wisdom. Immerse us in your renewing water and your gift of reverence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Word of God

Psalm 8

Reader: Rev Ruth Halley

(adapted by Richard Frazer from the inspiration of Carla A. Grosch-Miller)

Ground of being, Nameless One, yet whose name resounds throughout the cosmos, all things having their origin in a word first spoken that brought stars and galaxies cascading into being. Even the smallest child is filled with wonder and awe as she explores the glory of all that is. How we have maligned and misinterpreted you – placing ourselves above all creation, commandeering the helm that we might control and use and plunder for our own use. We may be that part of the Cosmos that is conscious of itself, we may be made a little lower than the angels, but we have the task of tending and serving. We are not masters of the universe, but labourers in this garden of abundance. Give us a sense of perspective, and a deeper reverence and humility, that we might know and love all that is and all that can be, when right relations are restored. May our sense of wonder overmaster our appetites, and our care for creation be manifest. May our wakeful listening penetrate the earth and reach towards the mystery at the heart of being. May our bold tenderness overcome our ignorance and enable wise action. For this life is wonder. We have been given all we need. Beauty and bounty, word and wisdom, skill of hand and pen, courage and companionship. May we enjoy and employ these gifts as befits those with large responsibility and the power to blight or bless. May all we make mirror the inner light we see and know to be good. May reverence for the Ground of Being be known and sung throughout the world by people who have learned the graces of blessed curiosity and love.

John 1: 43 -51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

Hymn 600:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love.*

- 1 *You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.*
2. *Without your help we fail our lord, we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.*

Margaret Old

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Anthem:

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my name shall be great, among the Gentiles; and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name: for my name shall be great among the Gentiles, thus saith the Lord!

Malachi 1:11

F.A. Gore Ouseley

Affirmation of Faith:

(The Iona Community)

Leader: With the whole church

All: *We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.*

Leader: With people everywhere

All: *We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply
than all that is wrong.*

Leader: With all creation

All: *We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and in the world. Amen.*

Dedication of the Offering

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Ruth Halley

The Lord's Prayer**Hymn 646:**

1. *Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.*
2. *King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us; kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.*
3. *Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to re-create.*
4. *Prophets of Christ, we hear his word: he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth; he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.*
5. *We are his Church, he makes us one; here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King; here is one faith, one heart, one mind.*

James Quinn

Benediction

Amen

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