

ORDER OF SERVICE – 30 JANUARY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 30 January 2022 – Fourth 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: Prelude, Op.105 No.3

Charles Stanford

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God,

All: *and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.*

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech,

All: *and night to night declares knowledge.*

Leader: We give thanks to God who has created all that we have,

All: *and we sing praise to God who has created all that we are.*

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 120:

1. *God, we praise you. God, we bless you. God, we name you sovereign Lord.
Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored:
all creation shows your glory, heaven and earth draw near your throne
singing 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!'*
2. *True apostles, faithful prophets, saints who set their world ablaze,
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, join one growing song of praise,
while your church on earth confesses one majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.*
3. *Jesus Christ, the King of glory, everlasting son of God,
humble was your virgin mother, hard the lonely path you trod:
by your cross is sin defeated, hell confronted face to face,
heaven opened to believers, sinners justified by grace.*
4. *Christ, at God's right hand victorious, you will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants for whose freedom you have paid:
raise us up from dust to glory, guard us from all sin today;
King enthroned above all praises, save your people, God, we pray.*

Christopher Martin Idle, from the *Te Deum*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession: Gillian Couper

Collect for the Day:

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10

Reader: Tori Graham

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Anthem:

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer, 1558

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Luke 4: 21 - 30

Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Sermon: Rev Ruth Halley

Dedication of the Offering

*Praise God, the source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
praise God the Spirit, holy flame; all glory, honour to God's name.*

Hymn 118:

1. *Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the world awakened; you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.*
2. *Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of life, and Death of death,
risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.*
3. *Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.
Labour with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,
free from status and division, free for love and unity.*

Ruth C. Duck

Statement of Faith:

*We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky.
Born of Mary's womb, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.
He died, but transformed even death, and rose to life so that he might journey with us.
He blessed his disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south.
We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters,
and to his mission in the world, by the grace of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

Hymn 19 (Psalm 24):

1. *Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King? The mighty Lord is this;
Ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in battle is.*
2. *Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors, doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King? The King of glory, who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glory is.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen, amen, amen.*

Scottish Psalter

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

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

Music for Reflection: Waltz in C-sharp minor, Op.64, No. 2

Frederic Chopin
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Plein jeu

Louis Marchand

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 6 February: 9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Morning Worship

Thursday 10 February: 1.10 pm Midweek Prayers

Sunday 13 February: 11.00 am Morning Worship

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts at 12 noon on Thursdays resume on Thursday 10 February with a horn and piano concert by Neil Mantle and Gillian Gray. Admission is free.

HeartEdge: Understanding the Spirit

On Tuesday 15 February we are holding a national event at Greyfriars Kirk, which everyone is warmly invited to attend. The event seeks to help us try to understand the work of the Spirit better, with perspectives from theologians, third sector practitioners and people engaged in front line ministry. Group discussion will explore what the Spirit is doing in our each of our contexts and how we can learn from and support each other, to bring hope, cheer and confidence for our churches and communities as we work together with partners to face challenges ahead and continue our mission. We hope this event will provide a good space for a thought-provoking, interesting and interactive event.

All are welcome. Tickets for the event may be booked through Eventbrite at the link below, which will also show you more information and details about it:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-the-spirit-a-heartedge-event-tickets-251278118617>