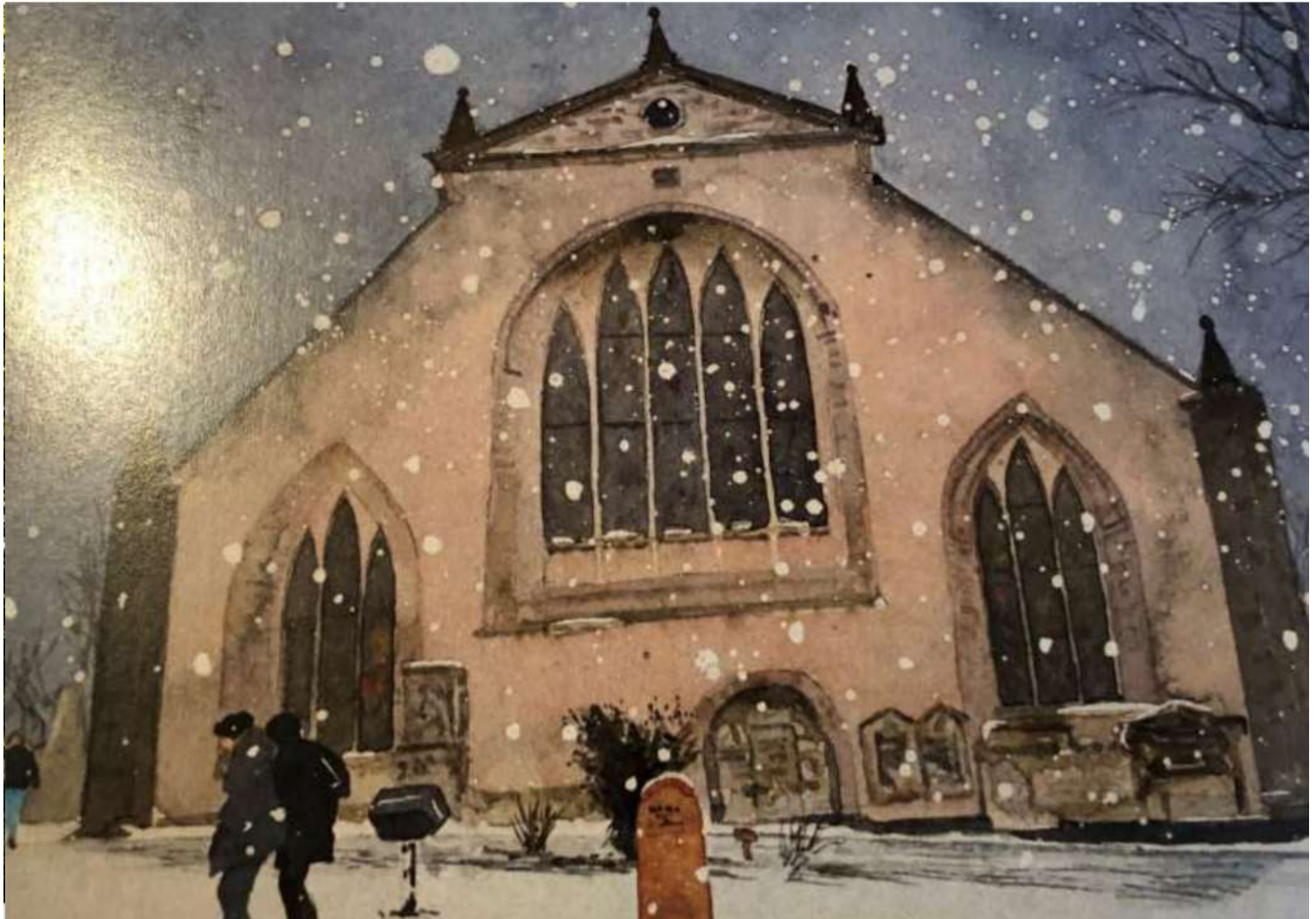


ORDER OF SERVICE – 9 January 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 9 January 2022 – 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.

Because God was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, which he lavished upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Titus 3: 5

Organ: Chorale Prelude on "Das alte Jahr vergangen ist", BWV 614

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: Ascribe to God glory and strength!

All: *Worship God in the splendour of holiness!*

God's voice speaks in the midst of our chaos. God's voice flows like the living waters of grace. May God give strength to the people. May God bless the people with grace.

Leader: The Spirit of God asks this day, and always, that you would simply allow yourself to be loved. Let us worship God.

Hymn 623:

1. *Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*
2. *We are the young – our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*
3. *Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*
4. *Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all people together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Marty Haugen

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day: *Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 97 (Psalm 139):

1. *O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me: ever the maker and keeper of my days.*
2. *You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me: in every moment of life or death, you are.*
3. *Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future, too.*
4. *Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: even the darkness is radiant in your sight.*
5. *For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: safe in your hands, all creation is made new.*

Bernadette Farrell

The Word of God

Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

Reader: Leslie Munro

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth -- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3: 15 - 16 and 21 - 22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

Hymn 593:

1. *She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering in the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.*
2. *She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.*
3. *She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all those whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.*
4. *For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy, and heavenly dove.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Sermon

Statement of Faith:

Leader: We believe in one God:

All: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is love.*

Leader: We praise God the Father:

All: *Who created the universe and keeps it in being. He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy, living together in justice and peace, caring for his world and for each other.*

Leader: We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:

All: *Born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God's compassion and mercy giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all. By his death on the cross and by his resurrection he has triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.*

Leader: We trust God the Holy Spirit:

All: *Who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church; who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness. The Spirit guides us in our understanding of the bible, renews us in the sacraments and calls us to serve God in the world.*

Leader: We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:

All: *We have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again to judge the world. Then all things will be made new. And creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, one God, blessed for ever.*

Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son and Spirit, now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration

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

Hymn 500:

1. *Lord of creation, to you be all praise! Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and power are beyond us to tell, and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.*
2. *Lord of all power, I give you my will, in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song; and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.*
3. *Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind, rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.*
4. *Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart;
your love to inflame me, your counsel to guide, your presence to shield me, whatever betide.*
5. *Lord of all being, I give you my all; if I should disown you, I'd stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word I'll obey, and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.*

John Copley Winslow

Benediction

Organ: Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie

Maurice Duruflé