

ORDER OF SERVICE – 13 FEBRUARY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 13 February 2022 – Sixth 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: "Vater unser im Himmelreich" (Variation 1)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 119:

1. O God, thou art the Father of all that have believed:
from whom all hosts of angels have life and power received.
O God, thou art the maker of all created things,
the righteous judge of judges, the almighty King of kings.
2. High in the heavenly Zion thou reignest God adored;
and in the coming glory thou shalt be sovereign Lord.
Beyond our ken thou shinest, the everlasting light;
ineffable in loving, unthinkable in might.
3. Thou to the meek and lowly thy secrets dost unfold;
O God, thou doest all things, all things both new and old.
I walk secure and blessèd in every clime or coast,
in name of God the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost.

St Columba, tr. Duncan Macgregor

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life. Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10

Reader: Kenneth Ballantine

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Hymn 63 (Psalm 100):

1. *All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.*
2. *Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.*
3. *Oh, enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.*
4. *For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

Scottish Psalter

Luke 6: 17 – 26

Jesus came down with the apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us the way to live, with love and trust, joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to her guidance and strength. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we commit ourselves to lives of love and justice, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*Glory to God the Father, the unbegotten one; all honour be to Jesus, his sole-begotten Son;
and to the Holy Spirit – the perfect Trinity. Let all the worlds give answer, 'Amen, so let it be.'*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 519:

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
3. *Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Amen

Organ: "Vater unser im Himmelreich" (Variation 3)

Dietrich Buxtehude

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 17 February	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 20 February	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 27 February	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts at 12 noon on Thursdays continue this Thursday, 17 February, with a performance by Edinburgh University music students. 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>

Common Life Group

Our Common Life Group meets this Wednesday evening, 16 February, at 6.00 pm over Zoom. It will be chaired by Gillian Couper and is the occasion when those most closely involved in our various congregational groups and activities can get together and compare notes – music, catering, flowers and many others. If you haven't been invited but would like to join, please contact Jo Elliot for the zoom link:

Jo Elliot, Session Clerk: tel. 07712 488802 or email sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com.

Catering Volunteers – tea and coffee after Sunday Services

With the easement of social restrictions, we are looking forward to offering refreshments after Sunday Services soon, maybe even as soon as next week. The idea is to start with just biscuits and tea or coffee initially, so a simpler offering, but hopefully a welcome social opportunity for those who feel comfortable and able to attend. There will be plenty of room for social distancing, with tables and chairs set out appropriately and space to move about.

The catering team would welcome volunteers to help with this service. If you would like to help out, or to find out more, please contact the Kirk office, who will put you in touch with Isobel and Margaret: email communications@greyfriarskirk.com or telephone: 0131 225 1900.

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Pastoral Care and Staying in Touch

The ministry team and pastoral volunteers at the church enjoy staying in touch with folk in the congregation and community. It is great to hear how folk are getting on, share news about what is going on in the life of the community, enjoy friendship and support each other when it is needed. If you would like to chat, or you know someone that might need some help or would simply enjoy hearing from us, please do get in touch. The ministry team and elders welcoming people at the door are always happy to talk before or after Sunday Services, and will put you in touch with the pastoral team, or you can contact Gillian by email: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or by phone: 07808 472 464.

If you would like to speak to a minister, Richard or Ruth will be very pleased to hear from you too: Richard by phone on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com, or Ruth by phone on 07530 307 413 or by email at associate.minister@greyfriarskirk.com.

This is the interior of the new Binks Hall at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, which is now open and ready for business!



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