

ORDER OF SERVICE – 27 FEBRUARY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 27 February 2022 – Transfiguration

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.

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3: 2

Organ: Prelude

William Harris

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 124:

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;
come all who hear, into his presence draw near, joining in glad adoration.*
2. *Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently but firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted by God's wise ordaining?*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do: God will for ever befriend you.*
4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly for ever adore him.*

Joachim Neander,
tr. *Catherine Winkworth

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon: Gillian Couper

Collect for the Day:

*God of light and truth, open our eyes to the glory of your presence in the world around us,
but chiefly in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; that we may grow into his likeness,
and attain the happy fulfilment of our hope when the splendour of the Saviour will be revealed;
through the same 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

Exodus 34: 29 - 35

Reader: Laura Dunlop

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Luke 9: 28 - 43

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

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

Sermon: Gillian Couper

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

We believe that God is revealed in the life of Jesus Christ in grace, mercy and justice.

*We believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world
even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.*

*We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us
to abundant life both now and forever.*

We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.

*We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as people who trust
in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

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.*

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: Two Arabesques

Claude Debussy
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Rev Ruth Halley

Hymn 642:

1. *Ye that know the Lord is gracious, ye for whom a corner stone
stands, of God elect and precious, laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.*
2. *Living stones, by God appointed each to his allotted place,
kings and queens, by God anointed, shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation, tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation to an old and weary earth.*
3. *Tell the praise of him who called you out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you, gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven, praise and magnify the Lord!*

Cyril Alington

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Scherzo, from Five Short Pieces

Percy Whitlock

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 3 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 6 March	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Holy Communion with our ecumenical partner churches Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 13 March	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts at 12 noon on Thursdays continue this Thursday, 3 March, with a recital by Edinburgh University students. Admission is free.

Refreshments

With the easing of social restrictions, we are now able to offer biscuits and tea or coffee after our Sunday Service, hoping that this will be a welcome opportunity for those who feel comfortable and able to attend. There is plenty of room for social distancing, with tables and chairs set out appropriately, but please don't take off your face covering until seated.

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.

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.