

ORDER OF SERVICE – 6 FEBRUARY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 6 February 2022 – Sunday after Candlemas

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.

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 27: 4

Organ: "Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele", Op.65

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Hymn 189:

1. *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found — we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*
2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight — our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*
3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
No work too hard for him — in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

David Evans

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: minister

Collect for the Day:

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 5 (Psalm 8):

1. *O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth how glorious is your name,
and glorious too where unseen heavens your majesty proclaim.
On infant lips, in children's song a strong defence you raise
to counter enemy and threat, and foil the rebel's ways.*
2. *When I look up and see the stars which your own fingers made,
and wonder at the moon and stars, each perfectly displayed,
then I must ask, 'Why do you care? Why love humanity?
And why keep every mortal name fixed in your memory?'*
3. *Yet such as us you made and meant just less than gods to be;
with honour and with glory, Lord, you crowned humanity.
And then dominion you bestowed for all made by your hand,
all sheep and cattle, birds and fish that move through sea or land.
O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth how glorious is your name!*

John L. Bell

The Word of God

Galatians 4: 1 - 7

Reader: Anne Bradbury

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2: 22 - 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence
of all peoples, light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

Anthem:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2: 29 - 32

Geoffrey Burgon (1941-2010)

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

We welcome Jesus, child of God, gift of joyfulness in a world of bleakness.

We welcome Jesus, child of God, gift of peace in a violent world.

We welcome Jesus, child of God, gift of hope in a despairing world.

We welcome Jesus, child of God, gift of wisdom in a foolish world.

We welcome Jesus, child of God, gift of justice in a world of unfairness.

We welcome Jesus, child of God, gift of forgiveness in an unforgiving world.

We welcome Jesus, child of God, gift of love in a bitter world.

Amen

Dedication of the Offering

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people

to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2: 29 - 32

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Richard Frazer

Come to me, come to me, weak and heavy laden;

trust in me, lean on me, I will give you rest.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 489:

1. *Come down, O Love Divine, seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*
2. *O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.*
3. *Let holy charity my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*
4. *And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

Bianco da Siena, tr. Richard Littledale

Benediction

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Organ: Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 10 February: 1.10 pm Midweek Prayers

Sunday 13 February: 11.00 am Morning Worship

Sunday 20 February: 11.00 am Morning Worship

7.00 pm Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts at 12 noon on Thursdays resume this 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>