

Growing through Lent

6th March 2022

The Local Church Joint Service

11am at Greyfriars Kirk

Gathering Music: "Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder", by Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship

One: We are on a Lenten journey;

ALL: From a wilderness to a garden,

One: From a note to a melody,

ALL: From an individual to a community,

One: From hoping to discovering,

ALL: From waiting to birthing.

One: God of growth & transformation,

ALL: We offer you our worship & praise.

Hymn: Womb of life CH4 118 (tune: Blaenwern CH4 702)

Womb of life, and source of being,

home of ev'ry restless heart,

in your arms the worlds 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.

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.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;

be our partner, be our friend.

When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are,

what we intend. Labour with us,

aid the birthing of the new world made new,

ever singing, ever praising, one with all,

and one with you.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:

we would praise your name forever,

one-in-three, and three-in-one.

We would share your life, your passion,

share your word of world made new,

ever singing, ever praising,

one with all, and one with you.

Ruth Duck

Opening Prayer with movement

One: Holy One, In times of wilderness and uncertainty

ALL: Love and hope surround us.

(action: *arms circle round, cross in front of body and lower)

One: In times of abundance and clarity

ALL: Love and hope surround us. (action*)

One: In times of growth and change

ALL: Love and hope surround us. (action*)



Into the Seed
by
Jan Richardson



We unite our prayers together in the Lord's Prayer or Jesus Prayer, using a form of words which are worshipful for us...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of us all:
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of Justice & Joy
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today,
feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is
love, now and for ever. Amen

Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed by your name.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and
Forgive us our sin and we forgive those who
sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but
Deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are
yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

Time for all ages: Beginning in the Wilderness

Hymn: In the bulb there is a flower CH4 727 (tune: Beach Springs CH4 252)

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Natalie Sleeth

Junior Church are invited to make stars

Reading: Luke 4:1-13

4Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

5Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

9Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

12Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon by Fiona Bennett

Meditation by Karl Macrae

Offering & Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God, the Trinity of love,
Before, beneath, around above. **CH4 808 (Tune: CH4 807 Old 100th)**

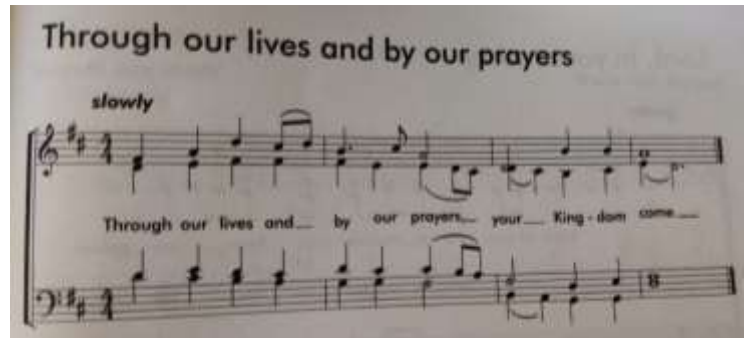
Communion

Hymn: Come to the table of grace (unaccompanied)

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

This is the body of Christ
Broken that we might be whole.
This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word
Cradles our Lord,
Food the good of us all.



Sung Response from Wildgoose

ALL: Through our lives and by our prayers, Your Kingdom come.

Song: God Bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread;
And give bread to all those who are hungry,
And hunger for justice to all who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

Peace

Closing Response

Presider: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.

ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Notices

Hymn: Be thou my Vision CH4 465 (tune: Slane)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's
Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. *Irish 8th C*

Blessing & Amen

Closing Music: "Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen", Op.65, by Sigfrid Karg-Elert.
With thanks to organist & choir leader Henry Wallace.

TLC Notices

TLC Youth online today 1.30-3pm

Augustine United

AUC's Book Group will be reading *The Divine Dance* by Richard Rohr, Starting in May (16 May, continuing on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month online 7-9pm). If you are interested to join in the Book Group please contact David Townsend (david.townsend@augustine.org.uk)

Reflection on Rublev's Icon of The Trinity, on 4 April online 7-9pm. Led by David Townsend, please contact David if you would like to join in. (david.townsend@augustine.org.uk)

Ignatian Lent Group: Using the (free) Lent material produced by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow (<https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html>), David Townsend is offering a weekly online group (early Sunday evenings starting 6th March) to share insights from the daily reflections through Lent. If you are interested please contact David (david.townsend@augustine.org.uk)

St Columba's-by-the-Castle

Lent Course: "A Season of Pilgrimage" We will be running this on the six Sundays in Lent at 7pm on zoom. The course explores the theme of pilgrimage in relation to relatively local Scottish sites, relevant scriptures and our own experiences of "journey". It will be followed by a short online service of Night Prayer (Compline) for those who wish at 8pm. If you would like the zoom link and copy of compline please email David on: d.patonwilliams@gamil.com

Quiet Time: In St Columba's Church at 4pm every Monday in Lent for twenty minutes of reflective silence, with poetry and Scripture readings, as we journey through Lent and towards Easter. All are welcome.

Greyfriars Kirk Notices

Forthcoming Services:	Thursday 10 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
	Sunday 17 March	11.00 am: Morning Worship
		12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
	7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.	
	Sunday 24 March	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, 10 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.