

ORDER OF SERVICE – 13 MARCH 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness/beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 13 March 2022 – Second Sunday of Lent

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: Hosanna Filio David

Jeanne Demessieux

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 132:

1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
2. *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, not wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains, high soaring above thy clouds,
which are fountains of goodness and love.*
3. *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

Walter Chalmers Smith

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Gillian Couper

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross. Give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Hymn 43 (Psalm 63):

1. *O God, you are my God alone, whom eagerly I seek,
 though longing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my body weak.
 Just as a dry and barren land awaits a freshening shower,
 I long within your courts to see your glory and your power.*
2. *Your faithful love surpasses life, evoking all my praise.
 Through every day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.
 My deepest needs you satisfy as with a sumptuous feast.
 So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has never ceased.*
3. *Throughout the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;
 in darkest hours I meditate how God, my strength, is kind.
 Beneath the shadow of your wing, I live and feel secure;
 and daily as I follow close, your right hand keeps me sure.*

John L. Bell

The Word of God

Genesis 15: 1 - 12, 17 - 18

Reader: Henry Marsh

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'.

Luke 13: 31 - 35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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

Anthem:

'The Lent Prose'

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against Thee.

To Thee, Redeemer, on Thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:

Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

O Thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father, Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:

Cleanse Thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

God, we implore Thee, in Thy glory seated, bow down and hearken to Thy weeping children:

Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Sins oft committed now we lay before Thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them:

Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting, falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,

Save us, we pray Thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

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

Offering

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Pastoral Prayer: Gillian Couper

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 540:

- 1 *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*
2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*
3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.*

Blessing

Horatius Bonar
Amen

Organ: Glory be to Jesus

Peter Hurford

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 17 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 20 March	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 27 March	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 3 April	9.30 am: Holy Communion 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, 17 March with Edinburgh University Music Undergraduate 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.