

ORDER OF SERVICE – 27 MARCH 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 27 March 2022 – Fourth 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: "Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein", BWV 641

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 192:

1. *All my hope on God is founded, all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.*
2. *Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.*
3. *God's great goodness lasts for ever, deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.*
4. *Day by day the mighty Giver showers gifts on us below;
his desire our souls delight in, pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at his hand, joy awaits at his command!*
5. *Still from earth to God in heaven sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.*

Robert Bridges,
based on Joachim Neander

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon:

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

*Loving God, even when we rebel and prefer to walk in our own paths, rather than in the way of your gracious truth, you never abandon us. Soften our hearts with the warm radiance of your love, that we may feel your Son alive and journeying beside us, until we join the path of grace and truth.
Through Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Hymn 16 (Psalm 23):

Brother James's Air

1. *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*
2. *My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.*
3. *Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*
4. *My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*
5. *Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.*

Scottish Psalter

The Word of God

2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21

Reader: Leslie Munro

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15: 1 – 5 and 11 – 32

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.'

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

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

Hymn 166:

Slane

1. *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
2. *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
3. *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*
4. *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Jan Struther

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

(based on Philippians 2: 6-11)

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And, being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God. Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*Alleluia, King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.*

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: Traumerei

Robert Schumann
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 445:

1. *Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'*
3. *Alleluia, bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*
5. *Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'*

William Dix

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: Attende Domine, from Le Tombeau de Duruflé

David Briggs

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 31 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 3 April	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 10 April	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

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.

Thursday Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings will restart this Thursday 31 March, and will be held every fortnight in the St Ninian's Hall at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre in the Pleasance. Please come along and join us for coffee and chat with friends.

Art Exhibition

The Holyrood Art Club's annual exhibition will be taking place in the Kirk from this Thursday, 31 March, to Wednesday 6 April. Admission is free.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts will resume at 12 noon on Thursday 14 April with a guitar and flute recital by the JKL Duo. Admission is free.

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.