

ORDER OF SERVICE – 17 APRIL 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 April 2022 – Easter Day

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: Melody, from Triptyque

Jean Langlais

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: *He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Leader: Christ is risen from the wintry ground of death;

All: *let all creation rise to greet its returning Splendour.*

Leader: Christ is risen over all powers of evil;

All: *let all who know loss and destruction rise to greet their returning Saviour.*

Leader: Christ is risen to renew the face of the earth:

All: *let all who are parched rise to greet their returning Spring.*

Leader: Christ is risen to form a new people of love:

All: *let all who are abandoned rise to meet their returning friend.*

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: *He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Hymn 410:

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day,, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*
3. *But the anguish he endured, Alleluia! our salvation has procured; Alleluia!
Now in heaven Christ is King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
4. *Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

from Lyra Davidica

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Lord of life and vulnerability, through the resurrection of Jesus, you have shown that death is not the final word and that everlasting life begins amongst us now. Grant that we, who are looking for restoration, would find life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we may experience new life in Him, who with you and the Holy Spirit make all things new, one God, now and forever. Amen

Iona Gloria:

Gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. (Glory to God in the highest.)

The Word of God

Acts 10: 34 – 43

Reader: Hilary Clydesdale

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hymn 103 (Psalm 147):

1. *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine.*
2. *Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and power laid low.*
3. *Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain.*
4. *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements, walk in all his words and ways;
ne the Lord and we his children — praise the Lord, all people, praise!*

Timothy Dudley Smith

John 20: 1 - 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Anthem:

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34: 8

R. Vaughan Williams

Sermon

Affirmation:

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come; who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.

We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love.

Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love; but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him.

We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.

We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life.

Amen

The Confirmation of Rebecca Grant

The Promise of the People: Members of the body of Christ, we rejoice that Rebecca has been confirmed. Will you so maintain the church's life of worship and service that she may grow in grace and the knowledge of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and so be a source of strength and blessing to her family, friends and the whole community?

Response: *With God's help, we will.*

The Offering

Hymn 19 (Psalm 24):

1. *Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King? The mighty Lord is this;
Ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in battle is.*
2. *Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors, doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King? The King of glory, who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glory is.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen, amen, amen.*

Scottish Psalter

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 420:

1. *Earth, earth, awake; your praises sing: Alleluia!*
Greet with the dawn your risen King: Alleluia!
Bright suns and stars, your homage pay: Alleluia!
Life reigns again this Easter day: Alleluia!
2. *All nature sings of hope reborn: Christ lives to comfort those who mourn:*
first fruit of all the dead who sleep: promise of joy for all who weep.
3. *Winter is past, the night is gone: Christ's light, triumphant, pales the dawn:*
creation spreads its springtime bloom: life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb.
4. *Praise we the Father, Spirit, Son: praise we the victory God has won:*
praise we the Lamb who reigns above: praise we the King whose rule is love.

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr

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: Paeon, from Five Short Pieces

Percy Whitlock

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 21 April

1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers

Sunday 24 April

11.00 am: Morning Worship with Holy Baptism,
and with the Royal Celtic Society

12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol

Sunday 1 May

9.30 am: Holy Communion

11.00 am: Morning Worship

12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Retiring Collection

There is a retiring collection today in aid of the **Flower Fund**. As the Covid restrictions are being eased, the Flower Team are looking forward again to regularly providing fresh flowers in the sanctuary.

Refreshments

Biscuits, and tea or coffee, after our Sunday Service will resume next Sunday.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 21 April, with an organ recital by Ciaran Walker, the organist at Priestfield Parish Church. Admission is free.

Guerilla Peace

The University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy and their Associate Chaplain Dr. Urzula Glienecke have set up a web site <https://guerillapeaceukraine.org> to answer the call to 'Light up our hearts for Ukraine'; they invite you visit it to share the solidarity, vigilance, and hope, wherever you are in the world at any time and from anywhere.

Art Sale for Ukraine

There will be a fund-raising art sale at St Cuthbert's from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm this Saturday, 23 April, in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Light lunches will be available.

Concert

There will be a concert here on Thursday week, 28 April, by the Royal Regiment of Scotland Band, as part of our armed forces' outreach to the community. Admission is free.

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CAN YOU HELP?

On Saturday 28 May **CoCo Counselling** will be holding a Makers Market to raise funds for their much in demand affordable counselling service.

The market will be held at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre and will consist of 12-14 traders, all local makers and artists organised by Jay Frazer. There will be refreshments, live music and a silent auction where people can bid for a range of prizes that we are in the process of sourcing.

If you would like to help, we are looking for baking contributions as well as prizes for the silent auction. These can be in the form of a gift item, or a skill you are able to offer. Please call Kate on 07846-253905, or contact us on info@cocoed.org.uk.

By supporting us in this way, you will be helping to ensure that counselling is accessible to all, regardless of their ability to pay. We look forward to hearing from you.

The CoCo team

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.