

ORDER OF SERVICE – 24 April 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 24 April 2022 – Low Sunday

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: Easter Chorale Prelude

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's

All: *and everything in it.*

Leader: Let all the people give God praise,

All: *and all creation bless God's name.*

Leader: Christ rises, like green shoots from barren February soil.

All: *We rejoice in the one who comes bringing newness of life.*

Leader: Christ rises in victory over all powers of evil.

All: *We, who have known loss and destruction, rejoice to welcome our returning saviour.*

Leader: Christ rises to renew the face of the earth.

All: *We, who thirst for springs of hope, delight in his freshness.*

Leader: Christ rises to inspire new communities of hope.

All: *We, who cast around for wisdom for our times, turn anew to Christ.*

Leader: Jesus, our companion for the road ahead,

All: *lead us on our journeys to places of resurrection, to dwellings of peace,
to healing of wounds, to joys of discovery.*

Hymn 415:

1. *This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but Christ has now arisen!*
2. *My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:*
3. *Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:*

George Ratcliffe Woodward

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day: *Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart locked; draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..* Amen

The Word of God

Acts 5: 27 – 32

Reader: Alison Noble

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Also read by Leslie Munro in Scots (from Lorimer), then by Roddy John MacLeod in Gaelic.

Hymn 27 (Psalm 34):

1. *I will always bless the Lord, praise his name and love his word.
Humble folk will fill with joy, as in God I glory.*
2. *When I prayed, God answered me, from my fears he set me free:
none who trust God's faithful love shall be disappointed.*
3. *Taste and see that God is good, know your yearnings understood,
find your true security, be God's holy people.*
4. *Even lions suffer need, hunger when they long to feed;
yet for those who wait on God, good will not be lacking.*

John L. Bell

John 20: 19 – 29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

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

Hymn 513:

1. *Courage, brother! do not stumble, though your path be dark as night;
there's a star to guide the humble: trust in God, and do the right.
Let the road be rough and dreary, and its end far out of sight;
foot it bravely; strong or weary, trust in God, and do the right.*
2. *Perish policy and cunning, perish all that fears the light!
Whether losing, whether winning, trust in God, and do the right.
Some will hate you, some will love you, some will flatter, some will slight;
heed them not, and look above you: trust in God, and do the right.*
3. *Simple rule and safest guiding, inward peace and inward might,
star upon our path abiding, trust in God and do the right.
Courage, sister! do not stumble, though your path be dark as night;
there's a star to guide the humble: trust in God, and do the right.*

Norman Macleod

Sermon: Very Rev'd Dr Emsley Nimmo. Dean Emeritus of Aberdeen & Orkney.
Rector of St Margaret's in the Gallowgate, Aberdeen.

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

Hymn 636:

Bunessan

1. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.*
2. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.*
3. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

Michael Saward

The Baptism of William Iain Christie Pryde

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be
gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Congregational Commitment:

Do you welcome William and do you renew your commitment, with God's help, to live before all children in a kindly, encouraging and Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ?

All: *We do. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, and encourage one another in service.*

The Offering

*Glory to God the Father, the unbegotten One;
all honour be to Jesus, his sole-begotten Son;
and to the Holy Spirit – the perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer, 'Amen, so let it be.'*

Pastoral Prayer

*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: *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*

Hymn 465:

1. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*
5. *High King of Heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

8th c. Irish, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Sinfonia from the Easter Oratorio

J.S. Bach

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 28 April	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 1 May	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 8 May	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

This morning we welcome back Lucy and Freddie Pryde, who were recently married here in Greyfriars, for the baptism of their son William. We also welcome members of the Royal Celtic Society to commemorate and celebrate their 200th anniversary.

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, and face coverings can be removed when seated.

Study Service

The Study Service meets (by Zoom) on two Sunday evenings each month. This Sunday, it will be a **Bible Study on John 16: The Spirit of Truth**. Three times in John (chapters 14, 15, 16) Jesus calls the Spirit “the Spirit of Truth”. He tells the disciples how the Spirit will remind them of all he has said, teach them to understand him, and bear witness to him and the world of his truth. What difference would it make to our lives if we always thought of the Holy Spirit as “the Spirit of Truth”?

Coffee Mornings

The fortnightly Coffee Mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, continue this Thursday from 10.30 am. Come along and join us.

Concert

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

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon on Thursday week, 5 May, with an organ recital by our own organist Henry Wallace, presenting “5 Centuries of Music for Greyfriars’ 400th Anniversary.” 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.

Church Service Society

The Church Service Society was founded in 1865 by the Rev Robert Lee and others for the study of liturgy. On Tuesday 24 May, in Assembly week, the annual lecture for its members will take place here in Greyfriars, followed by a dinner. The food is prepared by our caterers, but they would welcome a few extra volunteers to help them to set, serve, and clear up afterwards. If you can be available from 6 pm to 10 pm that day, or for part of that time, please call the Kirk office (225 1900) and let them pass your details to the catering team. Thank you.

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.