

ORDER OF SERVICE – 3 APRIL 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 3 April 2022 – Fifth 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.

"Faith is the story of our longing much more than the story of our possessing"

Organ: "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen"

Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 83 (Psalm 122):

1. *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to the house of God.'
And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.*
2. *Like a temple of unity is the city, Jerusalem.
It is there all tribes will gather, all the tribes of the house of God.*
3. *It is faithful to Israel's law, there to praise the name of God.
All the judgment seats of David were set down in Jerusalem.*
4. *For the peace of all nations, pray: for God's peace within your homes.
May God's lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem.*
5. *For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace.
For the love of God's own people I will labour and pray for you.*

Bernadette Farrell

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: minister

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

Collect for the Day:

*Spirit of God, Lord and Giver of Life, moving between us and around, like wind or water or fire;
breathe into us your freshness that we may awake; cleanse our vision that we may see more clearly;
kindle our senses that we may feel more sharply; and give us the courage to live as you would have
us live, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

The Word of God

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

Reader: Dr Alison Elliot

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hymn 159:

1. *Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.*
2. *Lord, for that word, the Word of life, which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.*
3. *Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.*
4. *Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.*
5. *Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

Timothy Dudley-Smith

John: 12: 1 – 8

Reader: Jo Elliot

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

Anthem:

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears
unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Henry Purcell

Sermon***Affirmation:***

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 519:

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
3. *Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Charles Wesley

The Baptism of Jessie Magda Heath Elliot

*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:

Leader: Do you welcome Jessie, 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.*

Dedication of the 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

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 106 (Psalms 149, 150):

1. *Bring to the Lord a glad new song, children of grace extol your king;
worship and praise to God belong — to instruments of music, sing!
Let those be warned who spurn God's name, let rulers all obey God's word;
for justice shall bring tyrants shame: let every creature praise the Lord!*
2. *Sing praise within these hallowed walls, worship beneath the dome of heaven;
by cymbals' sounds and trumpets' calls let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind rejoice — then, join our song in full accord
all living things with breath and voice: let every creature praise the Lord!*

Michael Arnold Perry

Benediction

Organ: "Herzlich tut mich verlangen", BWV 727

J.S. Bach

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NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

7 April	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Palm Sunday, 10 April	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Holy Week:	
Monday to Thursday	8.00 am: Holy Communion (at St. Columba's by the Castle)
Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm: Holy Communion
Good Friday	12 noon – 3.00 pm: Waiting by the Cross 9.00 pm: Tenebrae
Easter Day, 17 April	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Today

We welcome Johnny Elliot and Alyssa Heath, Jessie's parents, for her baptism this morning, together with Johnny's parents Jo and Alison Elliot, and their relatives and friends.

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.

Art Exhibition

The Holyrood Art Club's annual exhibition here in the Kirk will be open until this 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.

Study Service

The Study Service at 7.00 pm tonight is a Bible Study on **John 16: Jesus and "the Spirit of truth"**. In John, the primary role of the Spirit is represented as one of witness to Jesus. The Spirit reminds us of all Jesus said, brings us to understand it, convinces us of its truth and unites us to Christ, "the way, the truth and the life". In so doing, the Spirit is also the Spirit of life, for in uniting us to Christ he is uniting us to the way, the truth and the life.

If you are interested in joining this meeting (on Zoom), please visit the Study Service page on the Kirk website.

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.