

ORDER OF SERVICE - 27 NOVEMBER 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 27 November 2022 – First Sunday of Advent

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: Chorale Prelude on "St. Mary", Set 2 No.4

Hubert Parry

Introit: Advent Responsory

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud
covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, adapted

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 273:

1. *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. *O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.*
3. *O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.*
4. *O come, thou key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*
5. *O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.*

18th century antiphon
tr. John Mason Neale

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

Reader: Rus Loten

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Matthew 24: 36 -44

Jesus said, 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Sermon

Anthem:

O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light
of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome world with rays divine;
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

H.R. Bramley (1833-1917)

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Offering

Holy Manna

*For your generous providing which sustains us all our days,
for your Spirit here residing we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depths of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough,
fearless, we can face tomorrow, for your grace will be enough.*

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 655:

Holy Manna

2. *Hush our world's seductive noises tempting us to stand alone;
save us from the siren voices calling us to trust our own.
For those snared by earthly treasure, lured by false security,
Jesus, true and only measure, spring the trap to set folk free.*
3. *Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray
till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day:
bread for us and for our neighbour, bread for body, mind, and soul,
bread of heaven and human labour – broken bread that makes us whole.*

Leith Fisher

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.

The Distribution

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration: Tori Graham

Hymn 291:

1. *When out of poverty is born a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength to stand with head held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait to greet the promised day,
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart. Be blest; prepare the way!'*
2. *When people wander far from God, forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing, their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love the hungry soul will stay,
and so God's prophets echo still 'Be blest; prepare the way!'*
3. *When God took flesh and came to earth, the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman's faith the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low, it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call, 'Be blest; prepare the way!'*

Kathryn Galloway

Benediction

Amen

Organ: "Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottesohn", BWV 601

J. S. Bach

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 1 December	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 4 December	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 11 December	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

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.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon on Thursday week, 8 December, with an organ recital by Ciaran Walker, the organist at St. Michael's Church in Inveresk. Admission is free.

Long Service

Isobel and Margaret would like to thank everyone for their kind words, long service certificate and beautiful flowers given to us on Sunday. Also to Henry, Amelia and the choir for the gift of a beautiful cushion each. We would have preferred not to remember just how many years have passed since we joined the choir, as it reminds us of our actual age! We have really enjoyed our time with the choir, and have had lots of fun along the way. We have also enjoyed time and friendship with all the Greyfriars community, although sometimes with unexpected results. We definitely remember coming to the Kirk one Sunday when we were students, and being greeted by the then beadle, John Brown, as Castor and Pollux, the Heavenly twins. As we left, he called us 'you twa de'ils'. We are still trying to work out how one can fall from grace, while attending a C of S service! We look forward to enjoying many more happy occasions with you all, though, realistically, another 50 years is probably too much to hope for.

Love to you all.
Isobel Hutchings and Margaret Wallace

Giving with Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk through a cash offering during the service, do please use the Gift Aid envelope that you will find in the backs of the chairs. If you are a UK taxpayer we can reclaim a further 25p in the £ by way of tax refund, without cost to yourself. If you have already completed an envelope in full on a previous occasion, or completed a Gift Aid declaration, you need only fill in your name and the amount. Thank you so much for your support, which we depend on to maintain the life of the Kirk.

Times of Sunday Services

From 1 January 2023, morning worship will be at **10.30** am, and from 5 February, early Communion will be at **9.15 am**. Gaelic service times will be unchanged.

GCP Christmas Appeal

Jonny Kinross, the CEO of GCP, writes: 'This winter, we are acutely aware of people in Edinburgh who are lonely and isolated and those who suffer from poverty and mental illness. There are many who have nowhere to call home. We are asking you to donate to our Christmas Appeal 2022, either for yourself or on behalf of a loved one. Please donate to help transform lives this winter - <https://grassmarket.org/christmas-appeal-2022/> See how your donations can make a REAL difference. Thank you!'

Coffee Saints at GCP

Do drop in to the new café space at the Greyfriars Grassmarket Centre, which is now open as Coffee Saints, like our café beside St Mary's Cathedral at the top of Leith Walk. As always, there will be good food, good value and a lovely atmosphere, and all helping our vulnerable members. Thanks.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Coffee Morning

Ever since our union with Kirk o'Field in 2013, members of that congregation and of the local community have been gathering fortnightly for coffee in the St Ninian Hall. The completion of the refurbishment has given us the opportunity to relaunch, and we plan to publicise it more widely in the local community too, as a place to meet friends old and new. It's a lovely way for us all to enjoy the Centre as part of the Greyfriars community and to participate in the Southside community.

The last of this year's coffee mornings on Thursday week, 8 December, will be a **Festive Coffee Morning with Lunch** from 11 am to 2 pm, so do join us for an extra special Coffee Morning, with a festive hot buffet lunch served at 12 noon! Places are limited, so call the Charteris Centre on 0131 662 6850 or email events@charteriscentre.com to reserve your spot. While this is a free event funded by 'Coorie In for Winter', donations will be welcome.

CoCo Counselling

Kate Frazer and her colleagues are very happy to announce that a grant of £15,600 has been awarded by the **Benefact Trust** to the Greyfriars community. The grant is specifically to support counselling services offered by CoCo Counselling to members of the Grassmarket Community Project and to those in our broader community who cannot afford to pay for support through counselling. With the help of these funds, CoCo Counselling will be able to increase the number of affordable sessions to the wider community by taking on two additional counsellors and increasing the number of zero-cost and low-cost sessions offered on a weekly basis.

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 to visit it to share the solidarity, vigilance, and hope, wherever you are in the world at any time and from anywhere.

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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.