

ORDER OF SERVICE - 1 January 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
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A Happy New Year to all our members and visitors.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 1 January 2023 – Sunday after Christmas

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 Introit: Prelude on *Bunessan*

John Riley

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: From many different roads and circumstances we come to this place to be together.

All: *May we set aside our cares and worries for at least this little while.*

Leader: The word spoken at the beginning of time has been born once again and is here in our midst.

All: *May we open our hearts to this presence.*

Leader: The Holy One who overcomes all differences and heals all separation calls us to be joined in unity.

All: *May we recognize the Christ in each of us and open our arms to one another.*

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 314:

Bunessan

1. *Child in the manger, infant of Mary; outcast and stranger, Lord of all!
Child who inherits all our transgressions, all our demerits on him fall.*
2. *Once the most holy child of salvation gently and lowly lived below;
Now, as our glorious mighty Redeemer, see him victorious o'er each foe.*
3. *Prophets foretold him. infant of wonder; angels behold him on his throne;
worthy our Saviour of all their praises; happy for ever are his own.*

Mary Macdonald, tr. Lachlan Macbean

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Leader: We want to receive your message.

All: *Help us to find you.*

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

The Three Wise Camels

Hymn 331:

Puer Nobis

1. *Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation, the Lord of every nation.*
2. *Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;
and the very beasts could see that he all folk surpasses, that he all folk surpasses.*
3. *Herod then with fear was filled: 'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed at Bethl'em in his fury, at Bethl'em in his fury.*
4. *Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us, unto the joys above us.*
5. *Omega and Alpha he! Let the organ thunder,
while we sing our songs with glee and rend the air asunder, and rend the air asunder.*

15th c. Latin, *tr.* Percy Dearmer

The Word of God

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Reader: Leslie Munro

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Meditation of one of the Wise Men

Leslie Munro

Hymn 326:

Dix

1. *As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onwards, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*
2. *As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy-seat.*
3. *As they offered gifts most rare at thy homely cradle bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.*
4. *Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*
5. *In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluia to our King.*

William Chatterton Dix

The Gifts of the Magi**Hymn 305:**

Cranham

during which, **The Offering**

1. *In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago.*
2. *Our God, heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain,
heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*
3. *Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;
enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.*
4. *Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim throngèd the air;
but only his mother, in her maiden bliss, worshipped the Belovèd with a kiss.*
5. *What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.*

Christina Rossetti

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession**Leader:** Come again now**All:** and may light shine in the darkness.

Hymn 320:

Antioch

1. *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*
2. *Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy,*
3. *He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Isaac Watts

Benediction

Organ: Improvisation on *Joy to the World*

John Riley

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 8 January

10.30 am: Morning Worship

12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Sunday 15 January

10.30 am: Morning Worship

12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

Refreshments

Today is a holiday for our catering volunteers, and by tradition also for our Kirk choir. Next week there will be biscuits, and tea or coffee, after the service as usual.

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.

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.