

ORDER OF SERVICE - 15 JANUARY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 15 January 2023 –Second Sunday after Epiphany

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: "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig", BWV 618

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 128:

Coe Fen

1. *How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise, but who am I?*
2. *Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.*
3. *How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.*

John Mason

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Grant that your people may shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 189:

Be Still

1. *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found — we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*
2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight — our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*
3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
No work too hard for him — in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

David Evans

The Word of God

Isaiah 49: 1 - 7

Reader: Rus Loten

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Hymn 33 (from Psalms 42-43):

*As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

1. *Athirst my soul for you, the God who is my life!
When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God?*
2. *Echoes meet as deep is calling unto deep,
over my head, all your mighty waters, sweeping over me.*
3. *Continually the foe delights in taunting me:
'Where is God, where is your God?' Where, O where are you?*
4. *Defend me, God, send forth your light and your truth.
They will lead me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.*
5. *Then shall I go unto the altar of my God.
Praising you, O my joy and gladness: I shall praise your name.*

Bob Hurd

John 1: 29 - 42

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

Anthem:

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee. Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease, fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

from The Passion of Christ, by Barthold Brockes, tr. Denys Darlow

G. F. Handel

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

(from the Iona Community)

Leader: With the whole church

All: *we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.*

Leader: With people everywhere

All: *we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply
than all that is wrong.*

Leader: With all creation

All: *we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and in the world.*

Amen

The Offering

Old 100th

*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.*

Prayers: Margaret Wallace

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 119:

Durrow

1. *O God, thou art the Father of all that have believed:
from whom all hosts of angels have life and power received.
O God, thou art the maker of all created things,
the righteous judge of judges, the almighty King of kings.*
2. *High in the heavenly Zion thou reignest God adored;
and in the coming glory thou shalt be sovereign Lord.
Beyond our ken thou shinest, the everlasting light;
ineffable in loving, unthinkable in might.*
3. *Thou to the meek and lowly thy secrets dost unfold;
O God, thou doest all things, all things both new and old.
I walk secure and blessed in every clime or coast,
in name of God the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost.*

St Columba, tr. Duncan Macgregor

Benediction

Amen

Organ: "In dir ist Freude", BWV 615

J. S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 19 January	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 22 January	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 29 January	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 5 February	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 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 will resume on Thursday 2 February at 12 noon with a recital by the Sinfonia Wind Players. Admission is free.

Visitors from Israel

On Thursday week, 26 January, we will be welcoming Jamal Shehade from **House of Grace** in Haifa, Israel. Jamal and his family run a wonderful project supporting vulnerable people in the Arab Israeli community. He will be visiting with Muriel Pearson, who is the associate minister at the Church of Scotland Church in Tiberias, Israel.

We will have our midweek service at 1.10 pm for the usual 20 minutes, and then Jamal will tell us about some of the inspiring work that has been undertaken in Haifa at House of Grace. All are most welcome to this event.

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.

Giving with Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk with 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.

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.

Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The much loved Coffee Mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre resume this Thursday, 19 January, in the St Ninian's Hall from 10.30 am until 12 noon, and fortnightly thereafter. Do come along to enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere with coffee and cake, or tea and scones, or whatever else may tickle your fancy.

"Soul Space" at the Charteris Centre

This new monthly event is to give people an opportunity to explore faith, current issues, and the world around us, led by a series of guest speakers, along with reflection, conversation, and refreshments. It is organised by Greyfriars Kirk in association with the Edinburgh University Chaplaincy and other partners, and will take place on the first Tuesday of each month from 5.00 to 7.00 pm in the St Ninian's Hall at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance.

On 7 February the opening topic will be "Journey into Silence" with guest speakers Mollie Paterson and Hugh Donald. Please book for this event on Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soul-space-tickets-506244349477>.

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.

Soul Space

It's good to talk.

First Tuesdays 5-7pm (speakers 5:30pm)

Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance

Monthly early evening gatherings with guest speakers, conversation and refreshments, exploring faith, current issues and the world around us.

Hosted by Richard Frazer, Susan Hardman Moore & Urzula Glienecke. Organised by Greyfriars Kirk in association with Edinburgh University Chaplaincy & other partners.

