

ORDER OF SERVICE - 22 JANUARY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 22 January 2023 – Third 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: Preludio Sine Nomine

Herbert Howells

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 722:

Leaving of Lismore

1. *Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come, fill me with living water.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me:
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me, and rising to save his people.*
2. *Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life and love and hope, come, fill me with living water.*
3. *Lord, I am blind, my Lord, I can't see. Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me.
Lead me your way in light and in truth, come, fill me with living water.*

Helen Kennedy

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Gillian Couper

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

Collect for the Day:

Summoning God, by a mystery that speaks to us deep in our hearts, you call us and accept us as channels of your grace and love in the world. Strengthen us by your Spirit for the unique tasks you have given each of us, and help us to fulfill our calling with passion and cheerfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 532:

Pescador des Hombres

1. *Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water, at your side I will seek other shores.*
2. *Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?*
3. *Lord, take my hands, and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.*
4. *Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.*

Cesáreo Gabaráin, tr. Robert Trupia

The Word of God

1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18

Reader: Laura Dunlop

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn 247:

Ellacombe

1. *Moved by the Gospel, let us move with every gift and art.
The image of creative love indwells each human heart.
The Maker calls Creation good, so let us now express
with sound and colour, stone and wood, the shape of holiness.*
2. *Let weavers form from broken strands a tapestry of prayer.
Let artists paint with skilful hands their joy, lament, and care.
Then mime the story: Christ has come. With reverence dance the word.
With flute and organ, gong and drum God's praise be ever heard.*
3. *O Spirit, breathe among us here; inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife create among us still.
Great Artist, form our common life according to your will.*

Ruth C. Duck

Matthew 4: 12 - 23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Anthem:

Lord, thou hast told us that there be two dwellings which belong to Thee;
and those two, that's the wonder, are far asunder.
The one the highest heaven is, the mansions of eternal bliss;
the other's the contrite and humble sprite.
Though heaven be high, the gate is low, and he that comes in there must bow;
the lofty looks shall ne'er have entrance there.
O God! since Thou delight'st to rest within the humble, contrite breast,
first make me so to be; then dwell with me.

Thomas Washbourne

Arnold Bax

Sermon

Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

*I call all heaven to witness today that I have put on Christ. I choose no other Lord than
the maker of heaven and earth. This day I walk with Him and He will walk with me.
I fasten close to me this day that same Jesus who came to us as flesh and blood and was Himself
baptized in the Jordan River. He died upon a cross to rescue me,
broke free from death, its conqueror. He left us, to return the more certainly.
All these truths and their power I fasten close to me this day. Resisting my own selfishness and sin,
refusing to live as a slave to riches, pleasure or reputation, rejecting Satan and all his lies,
I call on heaven to witness today that I have put on Christ.*

The Offering

Moville

*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: Catherine Alexander

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 198:

Two Oaks

1. *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*
2. *Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome in this place.*
4. *Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome in this place.*
5. *Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen

Benediction

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Organ: Dankpsalm, Op.145 No.2

Max Reger

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 26 January	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
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.

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.

The topic of this evening's **Study Service** will be the relation between the Cross and the 'Second' Coming of Jesus. The Study Service meets by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. For the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Visitors from the "House of Grace" in Haifa, Israel

This Thursday, 26 January, after midweek prayers, we will welcome 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. 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.

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.

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.

Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The next Coffee Morning at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre will be on Thursday week, 2 February, 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.

Compassion and the Economy, Wed 25 Jan, 12 - 1:30pm at the Charteris Centre

Katherine Trebeck is an advocate for economic system change. She has recently begun a small project with the Edinburgh Futures Institute, at the University of Edinburgh, to explore the relevance of compassion to the economy, and visa-versa, with links to the Global Compassion Initiative (www.ed.ac.uk/global-health/compassion). Katherine's work has included developing better measures of progress for our economy, building a global collaboration of people working to create a more humane economy, and a major report into wellbeing budgeting (www.katherinetrebeck.com).

Gillian Couper, Greyfriars' Parish Associate, will be having a conversation with Katherine next week to find out a bit more. If you'd like to join them and find out how compassion and the economy relate to each other, and Katherine's plans with the Compassion Initiative, come along. You are welcome to ask or share anything you want, as we are excited for the conversation to flow where it needs to flow! A small and nicely informal event, anyone is welcome to join. Tea and coffee will be available; feel free to bring something to eat if it's your lunch break (Gillian will!). If you think of others interested do let them know, or bring them along, if you can make it yourself.

"Soul Space" at the Charteris Centre

This new monthly event will 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.

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