

ORDER OF SERVICE - 29 JANUARY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 29 January 2023 – Fourth 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: Cantabile

Cesar Franck

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 124:

Lobe den Herren

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;
come all who hear, into his presence draw near, joining in glad adoration.*
2. *Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently but firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted by God's wise ordaining?*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do: God will for ever befriend you.*
4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly for ever adore him.*

Joachim Neander,
tr. *Catherine Winkworth

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: minister

Collect for the Day:

Living God, in Christ you are making all things new, transforming the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace. Renew us, and revive in us that right spirit, that we may help and not hinder your purpose for us and all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Word of God

Micah 6: 1 - 8

Reader: Amelia Wallace

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hymn 710:

Repton

1. *'I have a dream,' a man once said, 'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all unite,
in freedom and in love, in freedom and in love.'*
2. *But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night, we catch but glimpses of the light Christ sheds on humankind.*
3. *Fierce persecution, war, and hate are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.*
4. *So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but never be content;
for thought and words don't ease the pain: unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.*
5. *Lord, give us vision, make us strong, help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see your love throughout humanity uniting us in peace.*

Pamela J. Pettitt

Matthew 5: 1 -12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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

Sermon

Anthem:

Sacerdotes Domini incensum et panes offerunt Deo, et ideo sancti erunt Deo suo, et non polluent nomen eius. Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Then did the priests make offering of incense and loaves to God, and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord God, and shall not defile his name.)

Offertory for Corpus Christi

William Byrd (1543-1623)

The Offering

Triumph

*Now to him who loved us, gave us every pledge that love could give,
freely shed his blood to save us, gave his life that we might live,
be the kingdom, power and glory, and thanksgiving evermore.*

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.* Amen

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 362:

1. *Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.*
2. *Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege –
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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

Music for Reflection: Prelude II from 'Country Preludes'

Christopher Norton
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern: Hilary Clydesdale

Hymn 362:

3. *Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.*
4. *Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now, and then for evermore.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Toccata in D minor (Dorian), BWV 538

J. S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 2 February	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 5 February	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 12 February	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 19 February	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

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 resume at 12 noon this Thursday, 2 February, with a recital by the Sinfonia Wind Players. Admission is free.

Our decorative textiles

Midge Gourlay, the textile artist who produced the fabric decorations for our two Communion tables, has written a book describing the sources of their motifs and the various production techniques that she used. Copies are on sale today at the coffee hatch, £10 each – cash only. The book can also be ordered online from Midge's studio, www.portappinstudio.co.uk.

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.

“Bread and Stories” at GCP

In March, a new group will begin meeting on Thursdays at our Grassmarket Centre to learn about bread making, meet people, and share stories. The Rev Ruth Halley is seeking one or more volunteers from the congregation who might like to help her run this group as part of the Kirk's commitment to be a HeartEdge church. Those interested in applying for this role should make contact with Ruth by email at associate.minister@greyfriarskirk.com.

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 this Thursday, 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.

"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 Tuesday week, 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.

