

ORDER OF SERVICE - 8 JANUARY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 8 January 2023 – 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: "Das alte Jahr vergangen ist", BWV 614

J. S. Bach

Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

(based on Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to God glory and strength!

All: *Worship God in the splendour of holiness!*

Leader: God's voice speaks in the midst of our chaos.

All: *God's voice flows like the living waters of grace.*

Leader: May God give strength to the people.

All: *May God bless the people with grace.*

Leader: The Spirit of God asks this day, and always, that you would simply allow yourself to be loved. Let us worship God.

Hymn 543:

Christ be our Light

1. *Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to you.*

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. *Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.*

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

5. *Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.*

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

Bernadette Farrell

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Tori Graham

Collect for the Day:

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A Time for All

Hymn 591:

Lois

(and during which, **The Offering**)

1. *O holy dove of God descending, you are the love that knows no ending,
all of our shattered dreams you're mending: Spirit, now live in me.*
2. *O holy wind of God now blowing, bearing the seed that God is sowing,
you are the life that starts us growing: Spirit, now live in me.*
3. *O holy flame of God now burning, you are the power of Christ returning,
you are the answer to our yearning: Spirit, now live in me.*

Bryan Jeffery Leech

Prayer of Dedication

The Word of God

Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

Reader: Rus Loten

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Anthem:

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my Name: for my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, thus saith the Lord.

Malachi 1: 11

F.A. Gore Ousely

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ -- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Belovèd, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

Hymn 593:

Thainaky

1. *She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering in the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.*
2. *She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.*
3. *She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all those whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.*
4. *For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy, and heavenly dove.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Sermon

Hymn 544:

Neighbour

1. *When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?*
2. *I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?*
5. *When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?*
6. *Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?*

Sidney Carter

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: Give strength to your people, O God.

All: Bless all people with peace.

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 646:

Duke Street

1. *Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.*
2. *King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us; kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.*
3. *Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to re-create.*
4. *Prophets of Christ, we hear his word: he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth; he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.*
5. *We are his Church, he makes us one; here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King; here is one faith, one heart, one mind.*

James Quinn

Benediction

Organ: "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her", BWV 700

J. S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 12 January	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 15 January	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
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

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.

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.

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.

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.