

ORDER OF SERVICE - 12 FEBRUARY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 12 February 2023 – Sixth 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: Pastorale

César Franck

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

All: *We affirm our value in Christ; we affirm the humanity in which God has made us;
we affirm the ethnicity in which God has moulded us;
we affirm the gift that we are to our families, communities and nations;
we affirm that we are children of the Most High God.*

Hymn 233:

St. George's Windsor

1. *Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.*
2. *All this world is God's own field, bearing fruit his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*
3. *For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his storehouse evermore.*
4. *Even so, Lord, quickly, come; bring your final harvest home:
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified, in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home!*

Henry Alford

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life. Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn 166:

1. *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
2. *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
3. *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*
4. *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Jan Struther

The Word of God

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20

Reader: Leslie Munro

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

I Corinthians 3: 1 - 9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Anthem:

Above all praise and all majesty, Lord, thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah.

from St Paul

Felix Mendelssohn

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

We believe that God is revealed in the life of Jesus Christ in grace, mercy and justice.

*We believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world
even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.*

*We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us
to abundant life both now and forever.*

We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.

*We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as people who trust
in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

Hymn 360:

Noel Nouvelet

during which, **The Offering**

1. *Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too:
make me friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.*
2. *Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.*
3. *Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too:
let my care be active, healing, just like you.*
4. *Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil let me dance with you.*
5. *Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:
walk one step before me, I will follow you.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Pastoral Prayer: Bert Hutchings

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 694:

Servant Song

1. *Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*
2. *We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*
3. *I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*
4. *I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.*
5. *When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*
6. *Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

Richard Gillard

Blessing

Organ: Prelude and Fugue in F major

Dietrich Buxtehude

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 16 February	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 19 February	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 26 February	10.00 am: Holy Communion – Three Churches joint service at St Columba's by the Castle 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.

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.

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Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts at 12 noon continue on Thursday week, 23 February, with an organ recital by Ciaran Walker, who is the organist at St Michael's Church, Inveresk. Admission is free.

"Choirs for Climate" Concert

This concert, directed by Chris Hutchings, will be in the Kirk at 7.30 pm on **Sunday 5 March**, presenting a range of climate-conscious music from local and international composers – songs of nature, warning, anger, solutions and hope. Admission is free, with a collection afterwards for environmental causes. Tickets may be booked from the link on the Kirk web site at www.greyfriarskirk.com, then under "Events Calendar".

Greyfriars 400th Anniversary Concert – World Première

The concert in the Kirk at 7.30 pm on **Sunday 19 March** by the Edinburgh Royal Choral Union will be the long-awaited world première of "Water Psalms", which was commissioned for the Kirk's 400th anniversary from the composer Thomas LaVoy. There will be a pre-concert talk with the composer at 6.15 pm.

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



Here is a poster for a new HeartEdge initiative which is starting up at the Grassmarket Community Project in March. HeartEdge is about churches developing these four C's:

Commerce: generating finance via enterprise, creatively extending mission. **Culture:** art, music, performance re-imagining the Christian narrative for the present. **Congregation:** inclusive liturgy, worship and common life. **Compassion:** empowering congregations to address social need.

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.

Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The next Coffee Morning at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre will be this Thursday, 16 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 gives 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 takes 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.

The next topic on Tuesday 7 March will be "Encountering God in the Struggle for Justice", with guest speaker Martin Johnstone.

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.

Events in support of Ukraine

All are warmly invited to the following events which will be held at our ecumenical partner church St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace.

Saturday 18 February: 12 noon to 4.00 pm: Art and Craft Fair

4.00 pm to 6.00 pm: Gala Concert with musicians from Ukraine.

Friday 24 February: 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm: a guest speaker with front line experience will be speaking about the war in Ukraine.

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.