

ORDER OF SERVICE - 19 FEBRUARY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 19 February 2023 – Transfiguration

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: Meditation on "Brother James' Air"

Harold Darke

Welcome and **Call to Worship:** Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 489:

Down Ampney

1. Come down, O Love Divine, seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.
3. Let holy charity my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena, tr. Richard Littledale

Call to Prayer and **Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon**

Collect for the Day:

Come, Lord of light, transfigure us, increase our vision and reveal to us your glory. Shine in our lives that we may delight in you and your light. Fill our minds that we may know you, fill our hearts that we may love you, and move our wills that we may serve you and your world, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 355:

Triumph

1. *You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer in the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.*
2. *Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory, harrowing hell to save the lost,
you, the everlasting instant; you, who are our gift and cost.*
3. *You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.*
4. *Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.*

Sylvia G. Dunstan

The Word of God

Exodus 24: 12 - 18

Reader: Leslie Munro

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1: 16 - 21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hymn 39 (Psalm 50):

Hyfrydol

1. *God the Lord, the king almighty, calls the earth from east to west;
shining out from Zion's splendour, city loveliest and best,
comes our God! He breaks the silence, robed in burning majesty:
'Gather all my covenant people, bound by sacrifice to me'.*
4. *Lies increase and evil prospers; God is silent, while men say,
'He has gone; let us forget him!' thinking he is false as they.
But his word will judge or save us; let us come before his throne
giving thanks, receiving mercy: God's salvation now made known.*

Christopher Martin Idle

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

Anthem:

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and Thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

Psalm 25: 6 - 7

Richard Farrant

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people.

*We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are,
heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.*

In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love.

*We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness,
the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life.*

Amen

The Offering

Gonfalon Royal

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth, whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer: Amelia 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 167:

Cwm Rhondda

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till my want is o'er.*
2. *Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.*
3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.*

William Williams

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Acclamations, from Suite Médiévale

Jean Langlais

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 23 February	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 26 February	10.00 am: Holy Communion – Three Churches joint service at St. Columba's by the Castle 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 5 March	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 Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 23 February, with an organ recital by Ciaran Walker, the organist at St Michael's Church, Inveresk. Admission is free.

Study Service

The topic of this evening's Study Service is "Cross and Resurrection – turning point of history." The sheer significance of the topic and the life of Jesus, virtually unrecognised even by most Christians, is that the incarnation is God's irrevocable allying himself to humanity, the universe, and all our woes in order to redeem them. It makes the resurrection the beginning of a new creation. Henceforth, unseen except by the eyes of faith, the course of history is a slow working out in history of what has happened for us in the person of Christ.

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.

"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 include 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, now open as Coffee Saints, like our café beside St Mary's Cathedral at the top of Leith Walk. 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, 140 The Pleasance, will be on Thursday week, 2 March, 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.

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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.