

ORDER OF SERVICE - 2 APRIL 2023

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**MINISTRY TEAM**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 2 April 2023 – Palm Sunday**

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](https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv).

**Organ:** Aria

Flor Peeters

**Welcome and Call to Worship:** Rev Ruth Halley

**Leader:** God of love and compassion, we celebrate your joyful and disruptive entry into Jerusalem.

**All:** *Hosanna in the highest!*

**Leader:** Likewise, we anticipate with expectation, your presence within our city of Edinburgh, your beloved Greyfriars Kirk and its family.

**All:** *Hosanna in the highest!*

**Leader:** We come to worship this Palm Sunday, knowing your love has arrived and is revealed to us in Jesus the Christ.

**All:** *Blessèd is the one who comes in the name of our God.*

**Leader:** We come, ready and willing to be transformed by the grace we receive from you.

**All:** *Blessèd is the coming reign of God.*

**Leader:** We come, bringing all that we are to prepare the way for the coming of love incarnate.

**All:** *Hosanna in the highest heaven!*

**Leader:** Come, let us worship God.

**Hymn 367:**

Ellacombe

1. *Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through city street and temple their joyful welcome rang.  
They shouted out their praises to Christ, the children's friend,  
who welcomes all with blessing, whose love will never end.*
2. *From Olivet they followed, a large exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
bright angels joined the chorus, beyond the cloudless sky,  
'Hosanna in the highest! Glory to God on high!'*
3. *'Hosanna in the highest!' That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his living presence eternally rejoice.*

Jennette Threlfall

**Call to Prayer****Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon****Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,**All:** *hear our prayer.*

**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

**Collect for the Day:** *Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming in the name of the Lord.* Amen

**Hymn 370:**

Winchester New

1. *Ride on, ride on, the time is right; the roadside crowds scream with delight;  
palm branches mark the pilgrim way where beggars squat and children play.*
2. *Ride on, ride on, your critics wait, intrigue and rumour circulate;  
new lies abound in word and jest, and truth becomes a suspect guest.*
3. *Ride on, ride on, while well aware that those who shout and wave and stare  
are mortals who, with common breath, can crave for life and lust for death.*
4. *Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears, though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers.  
Your path is clear, though few can tell their garments pave the road to hell.*
5. *Ride on, ride on, the room is let, the wine matured, the saw is whet;  
and dice your death-throes shall attend, though faith, not fate, dictates your end.*
6. *Ride on, ride on, God's love demands; justice and peace lie in your hands.  
Evil and angel voices rhyme: this is the man, and this the time.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

## The Word of God

### Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 19 - 29

Reader: Colin Graham

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

### Anthem: Solus ad victimam

Alone to sacrifice Thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.

For us thy wretched folk is any word, who know that for our sins this is thy pain?

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds; why must thou suffer torture for our sin?

Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win.

This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide,  
until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be;  
heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Peter Abelard, *tr.* Helen Waddell

Kenneth Leighton

### Matthew 21: 1 - 11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

### Sermon

**Affirmation of Faith:**

*We believe that the Christ still travels the roads of human life  
and is never defeated by our humanness.*

*We believe that the church can carry Love wherever we go  
and that our dreams of faithfulness can be given new possibilities in each day.*

*We believe that, here in this place, we will find inspiration and encouragement,  
that will lead us on in our journey with the Christ.*

*Amen*

**The Offering**

*St. Theodulph*

*All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas sing!*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.*

*All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas sing!*

**Pastoral Prayer:** Margaret Wallace**Hymn:**

*Londonderry Air*

1. *We shall go out with hope of resurrection,  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on,  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly, tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,  
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.*
2. *We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, vibrating love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,  
chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story including all within the circles of our love.*

**Benediction**

**Leader:** Palms have been waved, voices have been lifted in song,  
and Jesus has been welcomed into the city.

**All:** *The week lies ahead of us, and the cross looms.  
May we walk with Passion, along Jesus' Way.*

**Leader:** May you find God's blessing on the journey.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen*

**Organ:** "Valet will ich dir geben", BWV 736

J. S. Bach

Our prayers this morning draw upon worship materials published by the Iona Community.

(Kirk notices overleaf)



# NOTES

## **Forthcoming Services**

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| <b>Holy Week</b>        | 8.00 am: Holy Communion at St Columba's by the Castle<br>each day from Monday to Saturday.        |
| <b>Thursday 6 April</b> | 1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers at Greyfriars<br>7.00 pm: Holy Communion at Augustine United             |
| <b>Friday 7 April</b>   | 12.00 to 3.00 pm: "Waiting by the Cross" vigil at Greyfriars<br>9.00 pm: "Tenebrae" at Greyfriars |
| <b>Sunday 9 April</b>   | 10.30 am: Holy Communion<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service                                              |
| <b>Sunday 16 April</b>  | 10.30 am: Morning Worship<br>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 continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 6 April, with an organ recital by our own organist, Henry Wallace. Admission is free.

## **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, 140 the Pleasance, will be on Thursday week, 13 April, 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 takes 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 every month from 5.00 to 7.00 pm in the St Ninian’s Hall at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 the Pleasance.

The topic this Tuesday, 4 April, will be “The Importance of Interfaith Dialogue”, with the Rev. Richard Frazer and a guest speaker from the Edinburgh Interfaith Association,

## **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](mailto:parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com) or by phone: 07808 472 464.

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