

ORDER OF SERVICE - 26 MARCH 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 26 March 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

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: “Herzlich tut mich verlangen”, BWV 727

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 378:

Gerontius

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depths be praise, –
In all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God! when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail.
4. O generous love! that he who smote in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man for man should undergo.
5. And in the garden secretly, and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.
6. Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depths be praise;
In all his works most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon:

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, our companion and friend, as we approach the time of your passion, we ask for the strength of your spirit that we might grow in depth and understanding of all that your life among us means. Give us hearts to see that the pain of this world mirroring your pain and a desire to heal and restore as your compassion grows in us. We ask this in your strong name. Amen

1. *O Sacred Head! sore wounded, with grief and shame bowed down,
O Kingly Head, surrounded with thorns, thine only crown!
How pale art thou with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that face now languish, which once was bright as morn*
2. *O Lord of life and glory, what bliss till now was thine,
I read the wondrous story; I joy to call thee mine,
Thy grief and bitter Passion were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.*
3. *What language shall I borrow to praise thee, heavenly Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine for ever, and, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.*

The Word of God

John 11: 1 - 6, and 17 - 45

Reader: Laura Dunlop

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him

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

Anthem:

Crux Fidelis

Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis,
Nulla silva talem profert fronde, flore, germine,
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet.

*(Faithful cross, above all other, one and only noble tree,
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit compares with thee:
Sweet the wood and sweet the iron, sweet the load that hangs on thee.)*

Venantius Fortunatus (c.535-600)

tr. *John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Chris Hutchings

Sermon

Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: There are parched places and dry throats.

All: *We believe that there is also water that springs from hard places
and living water that quenches every thirst.*

Leader: There are wild places and so much that is unknown.

All: *We believe that there is also reason to burst into song and make a joyful noise because
we have been to the depths but also know the heights that God can reach.*

Leader: There are hardened hearts and impossible situations.

All: *We believe that there is healing and reconciliation for everyone.
God promises peace and invites us to share this good news. Amen*

The Offering

*My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be,
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 376

Rockingham

- 1 *'Twas on that night when doomed to know the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed, the Saviour of the world took bread;*
2. *And, after thanks and glory given to him that rules in earth and heaven;
that symbol of his flesh he broke, and thus to all his followers spoke:*
3. *'My broken body thus I give for you, for all; take, eat, and live:
and oft the sacred rite renew that brings my wondrous love to view'.*
4. *Then in his hands the cup he raised, and God anew he thanked and praised,
while kindness in his bosom glowed, and from his lips salvation flowed.*
5. *'My blood I thus pour forth,' he cries 'to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed, and heaven's eternal grace revealed'*
6. *'With love to all this cup is fraught, let each partake the sacred draught,
through latest ages let it pour, in memory of my dying hour.'*

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: 'Songs Without Words' - Op 30, No.3

Felix Mendelssohn
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Alison Noble

Hymn 622:

Woodlands

1. *We sing a love that sets all people free, that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame, enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear: come, living love, live in our hearts today.*
2. *We sing a love that seeks another's good, that longs to serve and not to count the cost, a love that, yielding, finds itself made new: come, caring love, live in our hearts today.*
3. *We sing a love unflinching, unafraid to be itself, despite another's wrath, a love that stands alone and undismayed: come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.*
4. *We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest until it finds its way, its home, its source, through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed: come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.*
5. *We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love, who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness, brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ: come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.*

June Boyce-Tillman

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

J. S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Service

Today	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 30 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 02 April	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Monday 03 April – 08 April	08:00 am: Holy Communion at St Columba's by the Castle
Thursday 06 April	7 pm: Maundy Thursday Service at Augustine United Church
Friday 07 April	12 noon – 3 pm: Good Friday Vigil at Greyfriars Kirk 9 pm: Tenebrae at Greyfriars Kirk
Sunday 08 April	10.30 am: Easter Sunday 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.

Bible Study

This evening's Study Service is a Study Service on **Theology as a Compass? How?**

What is theology? And what is, or should be, its place in Christian life?

The Bible Study group meets by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. For the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon on Thursday, 06 April, with an organ recital by Henry Wallace. Admission is free.

Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The next Coffee Morning at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance, will be on Thursday, 30 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 4 April will be "The Importance of Interfaith Dialogue", with the Rev. Richard Frazer and a guest speaker from the Edinburgh Interfaith Association.

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.