

ORDER OF SERVICE - 23 APRIL 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



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WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 23 April 2023 – Third Sunday of Easter

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: Prelude Op.105 No.3

Charles Stanford

On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34) Op.105 No.1

Charles Stanford

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: God of our journeys, we meet in your presence.

All: *We are called by your love.*

Leader: Open our hearts and minds to your presence in our worship,
in the scriptures, and in each other.

All: *We are called by your love.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 415:

Vruechten

1. *This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but Christ has now arisen!*
2. *My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:*
3. *Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:*

George Ratcliffe Woodward

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

*God of life and love, your Son made himself known to the disciples in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Presbytery Citation

Hymn 428:

Eastertide Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus, risen Lord of life! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. *Word of the Father: Jesus Christ! Hope of the world: Jesus Christ!
Broken and buried: Jesus Christ! Risen to life: Jesus Christ!*
2. *Light of the nations: Jesus Christ! Way, Truth and Life: Jesus Christ!
Bearing our sorrow: Jesus Christ! With us through time: Jesus Christ!*
3. *Living among us: Jesus Christ! Word in our flesh: Jesus Christ!
Servant of others: Jesus Christ! Friend of the poor: Jesus Christ!*

Bernadette Farrell

The Word of God

Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41

Reader: Rebecca Grant

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hymn 75 (Psalm 11):

St Flavian

1. *I love the Lord, because he heard my voice and earnest plea;
and while I live I'll call on him who turned his ear to me.*
2. *The snares of death encompassed me, hell had me in its grasp;
by grief and sorrow I was held, no comfort could I clasp.*
3. *I called upon the name of God, I called, and called again,
'Deliver now my soul, O Lord, deliver me from pain.'*
4. *The Lord is gracious. God is good and shows unfailing care.
God saves the meek: I was brought low; he raised me from despair.*
5. *Be still, my soul, be calm again, resume your quiet rest;
for God has kindly dealt with you, his generous love expressed.*

Scottish Psalter

Luke 24: 13 - 35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Anthem:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5: 8 and 4: 8

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe in an Easter God who creates and re-creates, gives abundant life
and is with us through all that life may bring.*

*We believe in the Christ of the Resurrection who appeared to his disciples
and became present in a new way to those who follow him.*

*We believe in the Spirit foretold by Jesus, who came with power and wonders,
gives strength and consolation, and empowers us..*

Amen

The Offering

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Pastoral Prayer: Tori Graham

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 445:

Hyfrydol

1. *Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'*
2. *Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?*
4. *Alleluia, King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.*
5. *Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'*

William Dix

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Processional

William Mathias

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 27 April	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 30 April	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 7 May	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.

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.

Study Service

The topic of this evening's service will be **Constructing a guiding theology of the Bible as a whole**. In coming to understand the bible as a whole, it is essential to see how the New Testament interprets the Hebrew Scriptures, for the two go together and neither can be understood except in the light of each other. We can then begin to see just how thoroughly Christocentric the New Testament is and how the Hebrew Scriptures become wonderfully alive and intimately relevant to us today.

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.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 27 April, with a recital by students from Edinburgh University. Admission is free.

Greyfriars Kirkyard book launch

A new book about the notable burials in our Kirkyard, and the national, social, or family history associated with them, will be launched this Friday, 28 April, with an event in the Kirk starting at 4.00 pm. Tickets for this occasion should be obtained on Eventbrite.

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, 4 May, starting at **11.30 am** for a **Coronation Lunch** served at 12 noon. To attend on this occasion, you must register beforehand, at:

<https://www.citizenticket.com/events/greyfriars-charteris-centre/charteris-community-coronation-lunch/>

After a well-earned break, the coffee mornings will resume from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursdays 1 June, 15 June and 29 June. 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.

On Tuesday week, 2 May, the guest speaker will be Ross Greer, MSP, on the topic "Creation Theology and Climate, and the Church as a Social Movement for Change."

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.

Green Shoots Youth Theatre

See overleaf for news and details of an exciting opportunity at this year's Edinburgh Fringe for any stage-struck youngsters.

'THE MYSTERIES - *Reimagined*'

GREEN SHOOTS YOUTH THEATRE ARE LOOKING FOR ACTORS!

ARE YOU BETWEEN 12 - 17?

Want to perform as part of the Edinburgh Fringe this August?

We need enthusiastic young people to join our new Youth Theatre for an exciting summer project! We are performing five short plays based on the Medieval Mysteries. This is a great opportunity to work with an experienced professional director and writer.

The Mystery Plays were the soaps of their day: warm, funny, but with serious intent - Bible stories brought to life - about real people in real situations.

Director Faith Sutherland will stage these at the atmospheric Undercroft of St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge. Writer Peter Holloway has reimagined the Mysteries for our time, with topics that concern us all: climate change, refugees' flight, war's ruin.

"The Mysteries - *Reimagined*" is an ensemble piece, with an emphasis in rehearsals on learning new skills, working to create a professional and dynamic production, and to have fun! Participation is free.

Rehearsals - Monday 24 July - Friday 11 August - 10.00 - 15.00

Final Rehearsal - Saturday 12 August

Performances - Sunday 13 August, 15.00 & 17.00

Sign up to be part of this exciting project!

Contact Faith Sutherland on sutherlandf197@gmail.com

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