

ORDER OF SERVICE - 30 APRIL 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 30 April 2023 – Fourth 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: "Schafe können sicher weiden"

J. S. Bach

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

Hymn 83 (Psalm 122):

1. *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to the house of God.'
And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.*
2. *Like a temple of unity is the city, Jerusalem.
It is there all tribes will gather, all the tribes of the house of God.*
3. *It is faithful to Israel's law, there to praise the name of God.
All the judgment seats of David were set down in Jerusalem.*
4. *For the peace of all nations, pray: for God's peace within your homes.
May God's lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem.*
5. *For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace.
For the love of God's own people I will labour and pray for you.*

Bernadette Farrell

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day: *Set us free, O God, to cross barriers for you, as you crossed barriers for us. Spirit of God, make us open to others in listening, generous to others in giving, and sensitive to others in praying, through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen

Introducing Sue McGregor

Hymn 130:*Laudate Dominum*

1. *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.*
4. *Then let us adore, and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.
Amen, amen.*

Charles Wesley

The Word of God**Acts 2: 42 - 47**

Reader: Leslie Munro

The people devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2: 2 - 10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn 16 (Psalm 23):*Brother James's Air*

1. *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*
2. *My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.*
3. *Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*
4. *My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*
5. *Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.*

Scottish Psalter

John 10: 7 - 10

Again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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

Anthem:

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes sancti; amicti stolis albis sequuntur agnum quocumque ierit.

(O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ! Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.)

Antiphon for the Feast of All Saints

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1549-1611)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky. Born of Mary's womb, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. He died, but transformed even death, and rose to life so that he might journey with us. He blessed his disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south.

We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to his mission in the world, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

The Offering

Nun Danket

*All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son and Spirit, now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 666:

Picardy

1. *Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending, comes our homage to demand.*
2. *King of kings., yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords we now receive him in the body and the blood,
as he gives to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*

Liturgy of St James, tr. Gerard Moultrie

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: Solvejg's Song Op.55, No.4

Edvard Greig
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern: Bert Hutchings

Hymn 436:

Guiting Power

1. *Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!*
2. *Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:*
4. *Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:*
5. *So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:*

Michael Saward

Benediction

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Organ: Prelude and Fugue in F# minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 4 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 7 May	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 14 May	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 21 May	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic General Assembly Service with the Moderator, the Right Reverend Sally Foster Fulton. 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

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.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 4 May, with a recital by the choir of the University of Edinburgh's School of Social and Political Science. Admission is free.

Grassmarket Community Project - meet Helene, the new CEO

GCP was very pleased to announce the appointment of Helene van der Ploeg as its new CEO this week. Helen will start her new role on Monday 15 May. Helene has been a director at GCP for a few years, and is looking forward to working with the fantastic team to continue developing flourishing social enterprises, whilst listening to the aspirations of Members and enable some of the most vulnerable in Edinburgh to fulfil their hopes and ambitions for the future. To read more from Helene, and from Richard welcoming Helene's insight, passion and commitment, check out the GCP news at:

<https://grassmarket.org/meet-helene-van-der-ploeg-our-new-chief-executive-officer/>

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 this Thursday, 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.

This Tuesday, 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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