

ORDER OF SERVICE - 9 APRIL 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 9 April 2023 – Easter Day

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: Lied

Louis Vierne

Introit: Light of a clear blue morning

It's been a long dark night, and I've been a-waitin' for the morning.

It's been a long hard fight, and I see a brand-new day a-dawning.

I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.

Everything's gonna work out fine. Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning. I can see the light of a brand-new day.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning. Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.

Dolly Parton, *arr.* Craig Hella Johnson

Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 410:

Easter Hymn

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*
3. *But the anguish he endured, Alleluia! our salvation has procured; Alleluia!
Now in heaven Christ is King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
4. *Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

from Lyra Davidica

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Lord of life and hope, as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus, you have shown that death is not the final word and that everlasting life begins amongst us now. Grant that we, who are called to be signs of hope in a troubled world, would find life in the resurrection of Jesus, that we might share this good news in our daily lives, through Christ our friend and companion. Amen

The Word of God

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Reader: Alison Elliot

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hymn 425:

St Andrew (Tans'ur)

1. *The Saviour died, but rose again triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right hand, omnipotent to save.*
2. *Who then can e'er divide us more from Jesus and his love,
or break the sacred chain that binds the earth to heaven above?*
3. *Let troubles rise, and terrors frown, and days of darkness fall;
through him all dangers we'll defy, and more than conquer all.*
4. *Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell, nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from his heart, or make his love decay.*
5. *Each future period that will bless, as it has blessed the past;
he loved us from the first of time, he loves us to the last.*

Scottish Paraphrases, Romans 8: 34-39

Mark 16: 1 - 8

Reader: Jo Elliot

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Anthem:

Ain't no grave can hold my body down, there ain't no grave can keep a sinnuh underground.

Oh, I will listen for the trumpet sound. Ain't no grave can hold my body down.

You know they rolled a stone on Jesus. And then they tried to bury me.

But then the Holy Ghost it freed us so we could live eternally.

Sistuh you bettah get yo' ticket if you wanna ride.

In the mornin' when Jesus call my numbah, I'll be on the other side.

Ain't no grave is gonna hold me. Ain't no man is gonna bury me.

Ain't no serpent gonna trick me. Ain't no grave can hold my body down.

I will fly to Jesus in the mornin' when I die.

I know He will take me home to live with Him on high.

I will fly with Jesus in the morning. Don't look here, I'll be way up in the sky.

Soon one day He's gonna call me up to heaven for a chariot ride.

Ain't no grave dug deep enough to hold me. Ain't no devil been slick enough to trick me.

Ain't no grave digguh man enough to bury me. You cain't hold me down!

Ain't no grave can hold me down. You cain't keep me underground.

When the silver trumpet sounds ain't no grave can hold me down.

Ain't no grave eveh been dug so low. No grave digguh eveh been born so strong.

Ain't no man that can, ain't no devil can. Ain't no grave can hold me.

Ain't no grave that goes so low, ain't no grave dug low enough DOWN.

arr. Peter Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Sermon: Rev Dr Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come;

who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.

We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love.

Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love;

but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him.

We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing

of the world. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection,

the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life.

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 154:

*O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art, how great thou art!'

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!*

Russian, tr. Stuart K. Hine

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.

Motet:

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34: 8

R. Vaughan Williams

The Distribution

Music for Reflection:

(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Sonata in G major

Joseph Haydn

Song without Words, Op. 30 no. 3

Felix Mendelssohn

Pastoral Prayer: Catherine Alexander

Hymn 106 (Psalms 149, 150):

Jerusalem

1. *Bring to the Lord a glad new song, children of grace extol your king;
worship and praise to God belong — to instruments of music, sing!
Let those be warned who spurn God's name, let rulers all obey God's word;
for justice shall bring tyrants shame: let every creature praise the Lord!*
2. *Sing praise within these hallowed walls, worship beneath the dome of heaven;
by cymbals' sounds and trumpets' calls let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind rejoice — then, join our song in full accord
all living things with breath and voice: let every creature praise the Lord!*

Michael Arnold Perry

Benediction

Amen

*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: Paeon

Kenneth Leighton

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 13 April	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 16 April	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 23 April	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Visiting Choir

This morning we are very pleased to welcome the "Servants of the King" choir from Hawthorne Christian Academy, Hawthorne, New Jersey, and their Director of Choral Music, Anne Paynter, to share in our worship as part of their UK tour.

Refreshments: today is a holiday for our catering team. The usual biscuits and tea or coffee after the Sunday service will resume next week.

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 Thursday 27 April with a recital by students from Edinburgh University. Admission is free.

Study Service

This evening's service will be a Bible Study.

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.

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.

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Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The next Coffee Morning at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 the Pleasance, will be on Thursday week, 20 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 next guest speaker, on 2 May, 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.