

ORDER OF SERVICE - 21 JANUARY 2024

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**MINISTRY TEAM**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 21 January 2024 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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:** Praeludium

Francis Jackson

**Introit: O taste and see**

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

Psalm 34: 8

R. Vaughan Williams

**Welcome and Call to Worship:** Gillian Couper

**Hymn 172:**

*Lobe Den Herren*

1. *Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;  
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night, warming the earth's exultation.*
2. *Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,  
searing the darkness of fear and despair that would blind us,  
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame, reaching out gently to find us.*
3. *Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight, offering freedom's transfusion.*
4. *Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,  
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see the new creation to be, spirit of love made flesh for us.*

Kathryn Galloway

**Call to Prayer**

**Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon:** Sue MacGregor

**Collect for the Day:**

*Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Amen*

**Intimation**

Jo Elliot, Session Clerk

## The Word of God

**Jonah 3: 1 - 5, 10**

Reader: Anne Bradbury

### The Conversion of Nineveh

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**Hymn 42** (Psalm 62):

Howard

1. *Only on God do thou, my soul, still patiently attend;  
my expectation and my hope on him alone depend.*
2. *He only my salvation is, and my strong rock is he;  
he only is my sure defence; I shall not moved be.*
3. *In God my glory placed is, and my salvation sure;  
in God I find my rock, my strength, my refuge most secure.*
4. *Ye people, place your confidence in him continually;  
before him pour ye out your heart; God is our refuge high.*

Scottish Psalter, and others

### 1 Corinthians 7: 29 - 31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

### Mark 1: 14 - 20

#### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

#### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

## Anthem: Benedictus in F

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 118: 26

C. V. Stanford

## Sermon

Gillian Couper

### ***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 everlasting.. 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

### ***Hymn 533:***

Kelvingrove

(during which, **The Offering**)

1. *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*
2. *Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*
3. *Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*
4. *Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*
5. *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

**Pastoral Prayer:** Rosemary Scott

**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 511:**

Thornbury

1. *Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;  
your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*
2. *Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;  
they summoned all to hasten and share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*
3. *Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, life restored,  
was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*
4. *Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us, your victory shall be won;  
by mortals and by angels your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*

Edward Hayes Plumptre

### **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:** Variations on *Kelvingrove*

Denis Bédard

(Kirk notices overleaf)

# NOTES

## Forthcoming Services

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| <b>Today</b>               | 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service<br>7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.                                                          |
| <b>Thursday 25 January</b> | 1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Sunday 28 January</b>   | 10.30 am: Holy Communion with the Rev. Ursula Gleinecke,<br>Associate Chaplain at the University of Edinburgh<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service       |
| <b>Sunday 4 February</b>   | 9.15 am: Holy Communion with the Rev Karen Campbell,<br>Minister at Marchmont St Giles<br>10.30 am: Morning Worship<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service |

## Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for biscuits and tea or coffee, served at the back of the church beneath the organ. If you are new to the Kirk, visiting after some time away, or do not know anyone yet, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service; and if you would like to join in the friendly conversations at the tables over coffee or tea, we look forward to getting know you.

## Giving with Gift Aid or by card

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.

If you would prefer to make your offering by card, rather than cash, there is now a card reader at the kitchen hatch at the back of the church, which links to the Kirk's bank account. Thank you so much for your support, which we depend on to maintain the life of the Kirk.

## Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The regular lunchtime concerts will resume on Thursday week, 1 February, at 12 noon with a piano recital by Alexander Kwon.

## Concerts and Events elsewhere

Augustine United Church – <https://www.augustine.org.uk/about-us/diary/>

St Columba's by the Castle – <https://www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk/>

St Cuthbert's – <https://stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk/>

Grassmarket Community Project – <https://grassmarket.org/whats-on/>

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – <https://www.charteriscentre.com/>, especially the fortnightly Coffee Mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon which resume this Thursday, 25 January.

## 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.

## Podcasts, Conversation and Cake

A few folk have been chatting recently about getting together to explore and learn about aspects of faith, belief and theology, and to create space for informal, relaxed conversations with church friends and anyone else who might be interested joining in. We’ve come up with the idea of a “podcasts and conversations” group, a bit like a traditional book group, but instead of books, we will take it in turn to select podcasts to listen to in our own time (taking about 45 mins to one hour max), then come along for an evening session with tea and cake, friendly faces and good discussion. We will meet weekly for a few weeks then take a break, and if it’s going well and people would like to keep it going, we will organise the next few dates. The first series will start on Monday week, 29 January, from 5:30 to 7.00 pm at the Charteris Centre (on the sofas in the enterprise hub!), and run to end-February.

The podcast we have selected for the first session is from the Biblical Timeline Series, Episode 38 “Does the Author of John Know the Other Gospels”. You can find that here: [www.biblicaltimemachine.com/listen-to-episodes](http://www.biblicaltimemachine.com/listen-to-episodes). If you’d like to come along to any of these you will be very welcome; you don’t have to attend every week, and no previous knowledge is required – just listen, then turn up! If you’d like to find out more, drop an email to [contact@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:contact@greyfriarskirk.com), or speak to one of us after a Sunday service: Gillian, Sharon, Naomi, Hilary and Rebecca. If you’ve not met us before, ask one of the welcoming elders on the door who will introduce you to one of us. It will be great to see you there, and please pass it on if you know anyone that might be interested.

## Greyfriars & St Cuthbert’s Update

The joint working group will produce a newsletter each month to share things that have been achieved to date, what we are working on, and where we are on the journey toward union. The first edition is available **today** on the table under the organ gallery, and will also be on the Kirk web site. Please do take a copy, and an extra one if you would like for others who either can’t come to a service or tend not to access things online.

There is also a suggestions box on the table for your feedback, suggestions and concerns. Please do put your name on the back of the slip so that we can respond directly back to you. And, of course, anyone is warmly welcome to get in touch with Gillian or Jo if they would like to chat about things. Leave a message with the Kirk office at 0131 229 1900 for one of them to call you back, or email Jo at [sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com), or Gillian at [parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com), or join us for coffee after a service.

We will be planning more joint services and events with St Cuthbert’s in 2024, so do attend a service at St Cuthbert’s sometime to get to know the folk there.

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## **News from the Ministry Team, and Pastoral Care**

The Greyfriars ministry team are Sue MacGregor, Probationer Minister; Gillian Couper, Parish Associate; and Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC, Reader.

Sue, Gillian and Bert are pleased to hear from anyone in the congregation or community, if you would like to get in touch for any reason. Whether you'd like to hear about how things are going at Greyfriars, seek support or pastoral care, or simply share a cup of tea and a chat, you will be very welcome. If you know of anyone who you think might appreciate some contact or help from the ministry team too, please do let them know. You can reach them through the church office, 0131 225 1900, or by email: Gillian at [parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com); Sue at [probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com); and Bert at [kerrigan@kerrigankc.com](mailto:kerrigan@kerrigankc.com).