

ORDER OF SERVICE - 28 JANUARY 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 28 January 2024 – Fourth 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.

Organ: Fantasia of four parts

Orlando Gibbons

Introit: O Lord, increase my faith

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversities. Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

attr. Orlando Gibbons

Henry Loosemore

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Dr Urzula Glienecke

Leader: Your love is as high as the heavens, O God; your faithfulness soars through the skies.

All: Your righteousness reaches the towering peaks; your justice the depths of the sea.

Leader: We shelter beneath your wings; we feast on the food you provide.

All: We open our eyes to drink in your goodness; for you are the source of all life, and because of your light we see light.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 112:

Moscow

1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Saviour, who came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move o'er the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
4. Blessèd and holy Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide let there be light.

John Marriott and Thomas Raffles

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Gillian Couper

Collect for the Day:

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 94 (Psalm 137):

Kas Dziedaja

1. *By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept;
hung our harps upon a willow, mourned for Zion while we slept.*
2. *There our captors, in derision, did require of us a song;
so we sat with staring vision and the days were hard and long.*
3. *Could we ever sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land;
can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God, hear your lonely band.*

Ewald Joseph Bash

The Word of God

Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20

Reader: Rus Loten

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak – that prophet shall die.'

Mark 1: 21 - 28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Anthem: Agnus Dei in F

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

C. V. Stanford

Sermon

Rev Dr Urzula Glienecke

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty
where courage and fear join hands, conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.*

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

*We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action,
into vulnerability, and into the streets.*

*We commit ourselves to work for change, and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility,
take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen*

The Offering

St Magnus

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

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: 'Le Onde' (The Waves)

Ludovico Einaudi
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Pastoral Prayer: Margaret Wallace

Hymn 360:

Noel Nouvelet

1. *Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too:
make me friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.*
2. *Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.*
3. *Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too:
let my care be active, healing, just like you.*
4. *Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil let me dance with you.*
5. *Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:
walk one step before me, I will follow you.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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: Prelude 'On a theme of Orlando Gibbons'

C. V. Stanford

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 1 February	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 4 February	9.15 am: Holy Communion with the Rev Karen Campbell, Minister at Marchmont St Giles
	10.30 am: Morning Worship
	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 11 February	10.30 am: Morning Worship
	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

This morning we are very pleased to welcome the Rev Dr Urzula Glienecke to take part in our worship. Dr. Glienecke, our probationer minister here a few years ago, is now an Associate Chaplain at the University of Edinburgh.

Associate Minister

Last week we were very pleased to be able to announce the appointment of Sue Macgregor as our Associate Minister once she has fulfilled her remaining training requirements. This is to be a three-year appointment, taking us beyond the point of union with St Cuthbert's, when a minister will be recruited to the new united charge, and we are delighted to have the continuity of ministry that she represents.

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.

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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The regular lunchtime concerts resume this Thursday, 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 regular Coffee Morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday week, 8 February, and fortnightly thereafter.

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 **tomorrow**, Monday 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 that 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. 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, 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, or Gillian at 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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Greyfriars Kirkyard Conservation Plan

On behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council, Dr Susan Buckham informs us that an **online public survey on Greyfriars Kirkyard** has just been launched. She is very keen that members of Greyfriars Kirk should be fully aware of the survey and be encouraged to express their views. The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Greyfriars-CMP>, and for those who would find such modern technology a barrier, paper copies of the questionnaire are on the table just under the organ gallery. Dr Buckham would especially value the responses of any of those who take part in either the Kirk's concert programme or its visitor activities.

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; Sue at probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com; and Bert at kerrigan@kerrigankc.com.