

ORDER OF SERVICE - 11 FEBRUARY 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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GREYFRIARS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 11 February 2024 – Transfiguration

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: Adoration

Florence B. Price

Introit: Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness,
which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

Psalm 25: 5 - 6

Richard Farrant

Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Hymn 396:

Sagina

1. *And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain – for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*
2. *'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.*
3. *He left his Father's throne above, – so free, so infinite his grace –
emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!*
4. *Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.*
5. *No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.*

Charles Wesley

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

God of light and truth, open our eyes to the glory of your presence in the world around us, but chiefly in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; that we may grow into his likeness, and attain the happy fulfilment of our hope when the splendour of the Saviour will be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6

Reader: Rus Loten

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9: 2 - 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Hymn 586:

Veni Creator

1. *Come, Höly Ghöst, our söuls inspire, and lighten with celëstial fire;
thou thë anöinting Spîrit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*
2. *Thy blëssèd ünction fröm above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enåble with perpëtual light the dullness öf our blinded sight.*
3. *Anöint and chëer our söilèd face with the abüundance öf thy grace;
keep fär our föes; give pëace at home: where thou art guïde no ill can come.*
4. *Teach üs to knöw the Fäther, Son, and thee of böth, to bē but one,
that thröugh the äges äll along this may bē our ëndless song,
'Präise to thine etërnal merit, Fäther, Sön, and Höly Spîrit.' Ämen.*

9th c, tr. John Cosin

Reflection: 'The Mountain Experience'

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Anthem: Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Edward Caswall

Edward Bairstow

Sermon: 'The Lord Makes us All'

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Amen

Hymn 360:

Noel Nouvelet

(and during which, **The Offering**)

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

Prayer of Dedication and 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 694:

Servant Song

1. *Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*
2. *We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*
3. *I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*
4. *I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.*
5. *When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*
6. *Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

Richard Gillard

Benediction

Organ: Allegro maestoso e vivace *from* Sonata no.2 in C minor

Felix Mendelssohn

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 15 February	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 18 February,	10.30 am: Morning Worship – First Sunday in Lent 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 25 February	10.00 am: Holy Communion at St Columba's by the Castle, with our local ecumenical partner churches. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 3 March	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 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 continue this Thursday, 15 February, at 12 noon with a recital by Chris Baxter and Richard Craig.

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, 22 February, and fortnightly thereafter.

Podcasts, Conversation and Cake

Some of us are gathering for informal, relaxed conversations about faith, belief and theology, inspired by podcasts. Think traditional book group, but podcasts instead. We're meeting at **5:30 – 7 pm** over the next three Mondays (**12, 19 and 26 Feb**), on the sofas downstairs in the enterprise hub at the **Charteris Centre**, 138-140 The Pleasance. There is no need to book a place, to have been before, or to have any previous knowledge. Just listen (to what you can), turn up, chat and/or drink tea!

The next two podcasts are going to be:

Mon 12 Feb - <https://www.biblicaltimemachine.com/listen-to-episodes>, and page all the way down to Episode 17: Ancient Manuscripts – The Bible Before it was the Bible.

Mon 19 Feb - <https://www.nomadpodcast.co.uk/steve-chalke-the-lost-message-of-paul-n212/> - Steve Chalke – The Lost Message of Paul, "the great includer" (nb: it's a long podcast, and the interview that we'll discuss starts at 17m 49s)

Youtube items from St Columba's

Two interesting items have been arranged to take place soon. Later today, Dr Richard Jack will be offering a forum on end-of-life issues. Then on 10 March, Eve Poule will offer a forum called: "Robot Souls: Programming in Humanity?" and she writes - "Suddenly AI is moving from the realm of Science Fiction to Science Fact. Brought up on these apocalyptic stories, many fear the worst. But what if the clue to this puzzle lies in our own design? Would it be better to design AI that is more human, not less."

Both of these will be recorded and posted on the St Columba's Youtube channel, which can easily be found just by searching for St Columba's by the Castle Youtube.

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 & St Cuthbert's – Fellowship Lunch

At St. Cuthbert's from 12 noon to 2.00 pm on Sunday 3 March.

Please come along to this joint social event for members of the congregation, regular attenders, visitors and others involved in the congregational and community life at Greyfriars Kirk and St Cuthbert's Parish Church. After the services at Greyfriars and St Cuthbert's (both churches holding their usual services at 10:30am), we will congregate together at St Cuthbert's church to enjoy a buffet lunch (sandwiches, savoury snacks, fruit and sweet treats). It will be a great chance to get to know each other, for Greyfriars folk to explore St Cuthbert's church and kirkyard, and to enjoy fellowship within our parish grouping. If you would like to come along, please add your name to the sign-up sheet circulating during coffee after a Sunday service in February, or contact the Kirk office by phone at 0131-225-1900 or by email to <communications@greyfriarskirk.com>. Please do sign up as soon as you're able, so that we will have a good idea of numbers.

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.

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, there are paper copies of the questionnaire on the table just under the organ gallery. Dr Buckham would especially value the responses of any of those who take part in the Kirk's concert programme or its visitor activities.

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.

On completion of her remaining training requirements, Sue MacGregor will begin a three-year appointment as our Associate Minister. This takes 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.

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.