

ORDER OF SERVICE - 18 FEBRUARY 2024

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**MINISTRY TEAM**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 18 February 2024 – First Sunday in Lent**

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:** O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross

J.S. Bach

**Introit:** View me. Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.  
In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly;  
though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.

Thomas Campion

Richard H. Lloyd

**Welcome and Call to Worship:** Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

**Hymn 119:**

Durrow

1. *O God, thou art the Father of all that have believed:  
from whom all hosts of angels have life and power received.  
O God, thou art the maker of all created things,  
the righteous judge of judges, the almighty King of kings.*
2. *High in the heavenly Zion thou reignest God adored;  
and in the coming glory thou shalt be sovereign Lord.  
Beyond our ken thou shinest, the everlasting light;  
ineffable in loving, unthinkable in might.*
3. *Thou to the meek and lowly thy secrets dost unfold;  
O God, thou doest all things, all things both new and old.  
I walk secure and blessèd in every clime or coast,  
in name of God the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost.*

St Columba, tr. Duncan Macgregor

### Call to Prayer

#### Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

**Collect for the Day:** *Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
Amen

## The Word of God

### Genesis 9: 8 - 17

Reader: Tom Richardson

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

### **Hymn 21** (Psalm 25):

Garelochside

1. *Lord, teach me all your ways, reveal your paths to me;  
and lead me in your saving truth, show me what I should be.*
2. *Remember, Lord, your love, your care from ages past;  
and in that love remember me, in kindness hold me fast.*
3. *Forget my youthful faults, forgive my sinful ways;  
within the kindness of your love remember me always.*
4. *God, who is just and good, shows all who sin his way;  
he leads the humble in right paths, their teacher day by day.*
5. *All pathways of the Lord are kindly, true, and sure  
to those who keep his covenant and in his ways endure.*

Scottish Psalter

### **1 Peter 3: 18 - 22**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **Mark 1: 9 - 15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 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.'

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

**Anthem:** Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51: 2 - 3

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

### **Sermon**

Gillian Couper

#### ***Affirmation of Faith:***

**Leader:** Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All:** *We believe and trust in him.*

**Leader:** Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All:** *We believe and trust in him.*

**Leader:** Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life  
to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All:** *We believe and trust in him.*

**Leader:** This is the faith of the Church.

**All:** *This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

#### ***Hymn 634:***

*Was Lebet, was Schwebet*  
(and during which, **The Offering**)

1. *Word of the Father, the life of creation,  
emptied of glory, among us you came;  
born as a servant, assuming our weakness,  
drank from the cup of our joy and our shame.*
2. *Each human child bears your image and likeness,  
yet all are heir to the sins of our earth;  
once from death's flood you arose to redeem us,  
water and Spirit now seal our rebirth.*
3. *Searching, you found us before we could name you,  
loving, you suffered our pain and our loss;  
strengthen each child through the faith of your people,  
born in the glory which streams from the Cross.*

Colin Peter Thompson

#### **Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer:** Alison Elliot

***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 354:**

Eisenach

1. O Love, how deep, how broad, how high! Surpassing thought and fantasy  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
3. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us the lost with love he sought,  
by words, and signs, and actions, he brought health and hope to set us free.
4. For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.
5. For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
6. To him whose boundless love has won salvation for us through his Son,  
to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

15th c. Latin, tr. Benjamin Webb

**Benediction**

**Organ:** Chorale prelude on Martyrdom

C.H.H. Parry

(Kirk notices overleaf)

# NOTES

## Forthcoming Services and Events

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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 22 February</b> | 1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Sunday 25 February</b>   | <b>10.00 am:</b> Holy Communion at St Columba's by the Castle,<br>with our local ecumenical partner churches.<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service |
| <b>Sunday 3 March</b>       | 9.15 am: Holy Communion<br>10.30 am: Morning Worship<br><b>12 noon:</b> Fellowship Lunch at St Cuthbert's<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 continue this Thursday, 22 February, at 12 noon with a programme given by students from Edinburgh University.

## 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 this Thursday, 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 podcast for this Monday, 19 Feb, is going to be:

<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 recently been arranged. Last Sunday, Dr Richard Jack offered a forum on end-of-life issues, and 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 items 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](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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## **Greyfriars & St Cuthbert's – Fellowship Lunch**

Please come along to this joint social event at St. Cuthbert's from 12 noon to 2.00 pm on Sunday 3 March. It is an event for members of the congregation, regular attenders, visitors, and any 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 of 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](mailto:parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com); Sue at [probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com); and Bert at [kerrigan@kerrigankc.com](mailto:kerrigan@kerrigankc.com).