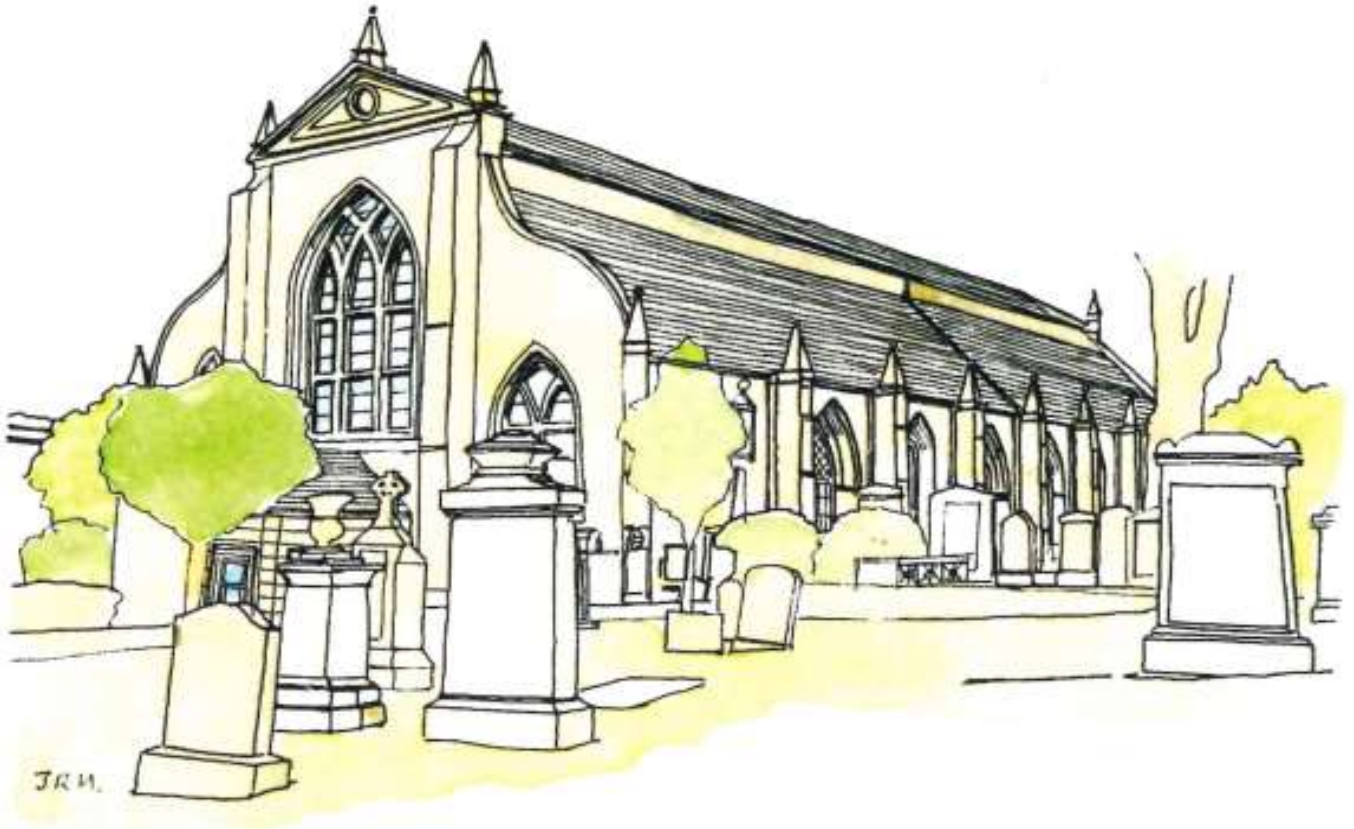


ORDER OF SERVICE - 10 MARCH 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor
Prof Bert Kerrigan KC



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 10 March 2024 – Fourth 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.

Organ: Prière à Notre-Dame, op.25

Léon Boëllmann

Introit: Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*(Jesus, truly human Son of Mary, who suffered on the cross for all our sakes, and from
whose wounded side flowed blood and water, sustain us in this life as in the next.)*

attr. Innocent VI

Caroline Cradock

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good;

All: *God's love endures forever.*

Leader: Let all who know God tell of their story,

All: *from east and west, from north and south, we will tell our story.*

Leader: When we cried to God in our trouble, God saved us from our distress;

All: *God sent out the Word and healed us.*

Leader: Let us give thanks for God's unfailing love, and tell of God's works
with songs of joy in worship.

Hymn 512:

1. *To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

2. *O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

3. *Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:*

but purer, and higher, and greater will be our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane Crosby

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Hilary Clydesdale

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you have delivered us from the death of sin and raised us to new life in your love, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; and in baptism you have made us one with him so that now we are the children of light. Grant that we may walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 27 (Psalm 34):

Taladh Chriosta

1. *I will always bless the Lord, praise his name and love his word.
Humble folk will fill with joy, as in God I glory.*
2. *When I prayed, God answered me, from my fears he set me free:
none who trust God's faithful love shall be disappointed.*
3. *Taste and see that God is good, know your yearnings understood,
find your true security, be God's holy people.*
4. *Even lions suffer need, hunger when they long to feed;
yet for those who wait on God, good will not be lacking.*

John L. Bell

The Word of God

Exodus 1: 8 - 10, 15 - 17 and 2: 2 - 9

Reader: Van McKellar

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.'

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

Later, a Levite woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Hymn 551:

Penlan

1. *In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
and safe in such confiding, for nothing changes here;
the storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?*
2. *Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim;
he knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.*
3. *Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkening clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure; my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure, and he will walk with me.*

Anna Laetitia Waring

Luke 2: 22, 24 and 34 - 35

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord; and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

John 19: 25b - 27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

Anthem: God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3: 16 - 17

John Stainer

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

We believe that God is revealed in the life of Jesus Christ in grace, mercy and justice.

*We believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world
even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.*

*We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life
both now and forever.*

*We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.

*We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as people who trust
in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.*

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.*

Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer: Hilary Clydesdale

***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 141:

1. *Oh, the life of the world is a joy and a treasure, unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley, the stars and the bright restless sea.*
2. *Oh, the life of the world is a fountain of goodness overflowing in labour and passion and pain,
in the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom, in the birth of a child once again.*
3. *Oh, the life of the world is the source of our healing. It rises in laughter and wells up in song;
it springs from the care of the poor and the broken and refreshes where justice is strong.*
4. *So give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker, and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son,
and walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit till the days of our living are done.*

Kathryn Galloway

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: Choral and Menuet gothique, op.25

Léon Boëllmann

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 14 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 17 March	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday)	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Services in Holy Week:

Monday 25 March to Saturday 30 March	8.00 am: Eucharist or Morning Prayer at St Columba's by the Castle, followed by breakfast.
Thursday 28 March (Maundy Thursday)	7.30 pm: "Washing off the Dust": Eucharist at St Columba's and stripping of altars.
Friday 29 March (Good Friday)	12:00 to 3.00 pm: "Like a Root out of Dry Ground", six half-hours of worship and reflection at Augustine United, on how the seeds of sorrow are planted in the story of salvation. Come and go as you like. 9.00 pm: Tenebrae – an hour of plainsong, readings and prayer in a candle-lit Greyfriars.
Sunday 31 March (Easter Day)	5.20 am: gather at Holyrood Carpark in Queen's Drive for Sunrise on Arthur's Seat, followed by breakfast rolls at St Columba's. 10.30 am: Holy Communion in Greyfriars.

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.

Study Service

The Study Service this evening will be a Bible Study on Psalm 89: God's covenant faithfulness. Later this month and next, there will be a talk on the nature of the covenant, "I will be your God and you shall be my people", then a Bible Study on another psalm on the works of the law. The talk will show how the two psalms, which appear not to belong together, actually do.

The Study Service meets by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

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, 14 March, 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 on Thursday week, 21 March, and fortnightly thereafter.

Greyfriars & St Cuthbert's Update

The joint working group are producing 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 second 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.

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.

Orchard Group visit to Greyfriars Kirk

In 2020 Greyfriars Kirk took part in a project run by the Church of Scotland, Ecocongregation Scotland and The Orchard Project, that followed the example of churches in Hungary to encourage orchards in churchyards and gardens. The planting at Greyfriars was part of its programme celebrating 400 years since it opened its doors in 1620. The four apple and two pear trees were planted before the lockdowns due to Covid. Through that difficult year the trees provided a wee highlight for some involved, who visited and watered the trees during their daily exercise. The trees continued to be a lovely addition to the Kirkyard and are cared for with the help of the Council of Edinburgh green spaces team. The Orchard Project will be visiting Greyfriars Kirkyard on Sunday 24 March at noon. The session is open to everyone, and we hope that members of the community enjoying the Kirkyard will come along, enjoy a cup of tea or juice, meet the Orchard Project, and learn about orchard tree care. We will be outside, so please come in clothing suitable for the weather.

General Assembly – Stewards

Can you help with stewarding at the General Assembly, which takes place this year from Saturday 18 May to Thursday 23 May (excluding Sunday) ?

Stewards have a vital role at the General Assembly to ensure the safety and comfort of those attending. Stewards provide a friendly welcome to the Assembly Halls, ensure the security of proceedings by checking passes, are alert to security threats and disturbances and have a responsibility to ensure the safe evacuation of the Assembly Hall if this is required.

Individual shifts last for three hours, and volunteers can select the day or days upon which they would help. Those volunteering for two sessions will be provided with a lunch voucher. In every three-hour session there is an opportunity to have a break for tea or coffee. *Please note that the stewarding duties require a moderate level of fitness, since a volunteer could be on their feet for up to 2 hours and may need to escort people up or down stairs.*

Those interested should contact the Chief Steward, Sandy Gemmill, either by email at assemblystewards@churchofscotland.org.uk or by post at Sandy Gemmill, Chief Steward, General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Department of the General Assembly, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN.

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. Later this year, Sue MacGregor will begin a three-year appointment as our Associate Minister, taking us beyond the point of union with St Cuthbert's, when a minister will be recruited to the new united charge.

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 probationminister@greyfriarskirk.com; and Bert at kerrigan@kerrigankc.com.