

ORDER OF SERVICE - 17 MARCH 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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Gillian Couper
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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 March 2024 – Fifth 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: Improvisation on 'Heinlein' ('Forty days and forty nights')

John Riley

Welcome and Call to Worship: Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Hymn 200:

Westminster Abbey

1. *Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.*
2. *To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with your constant loving-kindness, hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*
3. *Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.*
4. *Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory while unending ages run.*

7th c, tr. John Mason Neale

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Gillian Couper

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn 399:

Love Unknown

1. *My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me:
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*
2. *He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
But people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!*
3. *Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.*
4. *Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.*
5. *They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord done away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.*
6. *In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home: but mine the tomb wherein he lay.*
7. *Here might I stay and sing no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

Samuel Crossman

The Word of God**Psalms 119: 9 - 16**

Reader: Stephanie Rae

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Hymn 596:

Veni Spiritus

- 1 *Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*
2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.*
3. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me glows with your holy fire.*
4. *Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.*

Edwin Hatch

John 12: 20 - 36

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

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

Anthem: O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;
save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

Collect for the visitation of the sick

John Goss

Sermon

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

'We wish to see Jesus.'

Affirmation of Faith:

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

*We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.*

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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.*

Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer: Catherine Alexander

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 397:

Stuttgart

1. *In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*
2. *When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.*
3. *When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more lustre to the day.*
4. *Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.*
5. *In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

John Bowring

Benediction

Organ: Improvised Prelude

John Riley

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 21 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday)	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
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.

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 continue this Thursday, 21 March, at 12 noon with a recital by Anoukia Nistor (cello) and Esther Leung (piano).

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, 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.

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 bring warm clothes or layers suited to the weather and your needs.

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Greyfriars Kirkyard consultation

We would love to hear about how you use Greyfriars Kirkyard and how you would like the site to be managed in the future.

Greyfriars Kirkyard is one of Edinburgh's most iconic spaces. However, managing the site has become increasingly complex.

Recognising the need for a new strategy, Edinburgh World Heritage and the City of Edinburgh Council have commissioned Kirkyard Consulting to develop a new graveyard Conservation Management plan.



To have your say about your experiences of Greyfriars Kirkyard and how you would like to see it managed in the future, please either scan the QR code to complete our short survey, or find it at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Greyfriars-CMP> – we think it will take about 10 minutes to fill in. The survey will close on 15 April.

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