

ORDER OF SERVICE - 31 MARCH 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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GREYFRIARS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 31 March 2024 – Easter Day

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.

'I am going to put breath into you, and you will live'

Ezekiel 37:5

Organ:: Choral on 'O filii et filiae'

Denis Bédard

Introit: Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise, Christ has opened paradise! Alleluia!
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Robert Williams

Noel de Jongh

Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: *but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.*

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: *but we have seen him in the faces of those whose love encourages us.*

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: *but we have been called to bring healing to the scars of the world.*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Hymn 410:

Easter Hymn

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*
3. *But the anguish he endured, Alleluia! our salvation has procured; Alleluia!
Now in heaven Christ is King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
4. *Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

from Lyra Davidica

Welcome, Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach

Collect for the Day: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 417:

Noël Nouvelet

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

John Crum

The Word of God

Isaiah 25: 6 - 9

Reader: Angela McSeveney

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hymn 416:

Old Clarendonian

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war, where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good new to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Brian Wren

John 20: 1 - 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Anthem: Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen! Sing his praise without delays,
who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise:
that, as his death calcinèd thee to dust,
his life may make thee gold, and, much more, just.

Awake, my lute, awake, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same.
His stretchèd sinews taught all strings what key
is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort, both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long;
or, since all music is but three parts vied and multiplied,
O let thy blessèd Spirit bear a part,
and make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert

Chris Hutchings

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 Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayer: Bert Kerrigan

During communion we offer a choice of drinking from a common cup (fermented wine) or from thimbles (pale non-alcoholic or dark fermented wine); the bread is gluten free.

Invitation to Holy Communion

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: Consolation Number 5

Franz Liszt
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

The Peace

Hymn 419:

Maccabeus

1. *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.*
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
2. *Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*
3. *No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*

Edmund Budry, tr. Richard Hoyle

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: Toccata from 'Suite Gothique', op.25

Léon Boëllmann

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Easter Service
Thursday 4 April	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 7 April	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 14 April	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

We warmly welcome the Rev. Ali Newell, a past Associate Chaplain at Edinburgh University, to share in our worship and Communion Service this morning.

Refreshments

Today is a traditional break for the catering team; our usual service of biscuits and tea or coffee will resume next week.

Giving by Gift Aid, Card or Standing Order

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.

Some people have experienced difficulties setting up new **standing orders** in favour of the Kirk using their online banking. Frustratingly, the problem originated when we were required to change the name of the Kirk's bank account, and it seems to affect payments from some but not all bank accounts. If this affects you, the solution is please to fill in a Giving form (available from Richard Leaver at the Kirk office, FinanceAdministrator@greyfriarskirk.com), for us to process with the Kirk's bank the old-fashioned way.

Flowers

We all welcome the return of flowers to the Kirk, after their traditional absence during Lent, and we thank the flower team for their commitment and their work. Today sees the first use of a new flower container which they commissioned from the woodwork department at GCP, financed by a legacy to the Flower Fund from Ann Macdonald, its convenor 1996-2010. It was designed by Clem Bradley, and is made from recycled pews from Kirk o'Field Church, now the Greyfriars Charteris Centre. Those who knew Ann will recognize the small watering can engraved on the front as representational of her watering the flowers every Sunday with her little red watering can. The separate plinth on which the container stands echoes the chancel window, and allows for versatility of use. During the service this new addition to Greyfriars will be acknowledged, and today there is a **retiring collection** in aid of the Flower Fund.

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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, 4 April, at 12 noon with an accordion recital by Eòin Cumming.

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, 4 April, and again a fortnight after.

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. Please take a copy of the second edition which is available today on the table under the organ gallery, or you can find it on the Kirk web site. There is also a suggestions box on the table for your feedback, or for any of your suggestions or concerns. Please put your name on the back of the slip so that we can respond directly back to you. And, of course, anyone is welcome to get in touch with Gillian at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or with Jo at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com if they would like to chat about things, or leave a message with the Kirk office at 0131 229 1900 for one of them to call you back.

There will be 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.

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.