

ORDER OF SERVICE - 14 APRIL 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 April 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

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: Grand Plein Jeu *and* Fugue *from* Suite du premier ton Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 425 (Paraphrase 48) :

St Andrew (Tans'ur)

1. *The Saviour died, but rose again triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right hand, omnipotent to save.*
2. *Who then can e'er divide us more from Jesus and his love,
or break the sacred chain that binds the earth to heaven above?*
3. *Let troubles rise, and terrors frown, and days of darkness fall;
through him all dangers we'll defy, and more than conquer all.*
4. *Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell, nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from his heart, or make his love decay.*
5. *Each future period that will bless, as it has blessed the past;
he loved us from the first of time, he loves us to the last.*

Romans 8: 34-39

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 life and love, your Son made himself known to the disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 415:

Vruechten

1. *This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but Christ has now arisen!*
2. *My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:*
3. *Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:*

George Ratcliffe Woodward

The Word of God

Acts 3: 12 - 19

Reader: Alison Noble

(Peter has just healed a crippled beggar)

When Peter saw all the people, he addressed them, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Luke 24: 36b - 48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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

Anthem:

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won;
 O let the song of praise be sung, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
 let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign:
 O let us swell the joyful strain, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
 that we may live, and sing to thee, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Amen.*

17th c. Latin, tr. Francis Potts

Melchior Vulpus, arr. Henry G. Ley

Sermon

Sue MacGregor

Hymn 189:

1. *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
 come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
 in him no sin is found — we stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*
2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
 he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
 how awesome is the sight — our radiant king of light!
 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*
3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
 he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
 No work too hard for him — in faith receive from him.
 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

David Evans

Prayer of Affirmation:

*We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
 who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.*

*We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, who lived in prayer and in love.
 Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love;
 but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him.*

*We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing
 of the world. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection,
 the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life.*

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: Rebecca Grant

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 594:

Diademata

- 1 *Come, Holy Spirit, come! Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above.
Let none of us despise the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise, the foolishness of God.*
2. *All-knowing Spirit, prove the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love in Jesus crucified,
and grant us faith to know the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show the marks of love divine.*
3. *Come with the gift to heal the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign, descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again the miracles of love.*
4. *Spirit of truth, arise; inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies, and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight, all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right, and covet only love.*
5. *Give us the tongues to speak the word of love and grace
to rich and poor, to strong and weak, in every time and place.
Enable us to hear the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear the special song they sing.*
6. *Come, Holy Spirit, dance within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance, our mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire, all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire, the perfect gift of love.*

Michael Forster

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: Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux, from Suite du premier ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Wednesday 17 April	7.00 pm: Taizé service – see details below
Thursday 18 April	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 21 April	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 28 April	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Stated Annual Meeting: this morning, the Stated Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at 12 noon in the Choir Room. The only agenda item is the adoption of our statutory accounts for 2023, and this is the opportunity for questions and discussion. The accounts are on our kirk website under Notices and News, at <https://greyfriarskirk.com/community-notes/>

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 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.

Taizé service

This Wednesday, 17 April, the Kirk will host a special service in the Taizé tradition, starting at 7.00 pm, with congregational music practice from 6.00 pm. Taizé is an ecumenical monastic community based in Burgundy with a particular mission to young people, and this is an opportunity to share in its distinctive style of congregational participation through music.

New Heritage Space

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, a charity registered in Scotland, is in the early stages of planning a new home and heritage resource – Scotland's Heritage Hub – in the building at the corner of Bristo Port, behind the Museum of Scotland. They have arranged a public event at Augustine United Church on George IV Bridge this Friday, 19 April, from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm, and invite people to come and explore what heritage means to them and how the new space can be made inclusive, accessible and welcoming. There is more information about the project on the [Society web site](http://heritagehub.socantscot.org) < heritagehub.socantscot.org >, and a link where you can sign up for the Friday event.

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, 18 April, at 12 noon with a violin recital by India Reilly.

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/> , especially Jubilo – see below.

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, 18 April, and fortnightly thereafter.

The **Jubilo Society** spring concert in St Cuthbert's Church, on Saturday 27 April at 7.30 pm, will showcase exquisite Baroque masterpieces composed by Bach, Handel, and Pergolesi. Led by the choir's new Director of Music, Paul Gudgin, and featuring four of Scotland's leading young soloists, the church will set the stage for Bach's *Jesu meine freude*, Handel's *Chandos Anthem No. 11 (Let God Arise)*, and Pergolesi's *Magnificat*.

Carbon Literacy Course

This course is for people who want to understand the climate emergency and to learn what they can do to tackle it. Everyone will be impacted by climate change, and everyone is welcome to the course, which will take place at Augustine URC on George IV Bridge on three successive Sundays (21 and 28 April, and 5 May) from 12.45 pm to 3.15pm. It will cover the science of climate change and issues of climate justice; how the wider community and local area will be impacted; the significant changes that we will all need to adapt to as Scotland moves to a low carbon future; practical actions you can take to reduce emissions; and how to communicate about climate change. Participants will gain an official Carbon Literate Certificate on completion of the course. For more information, and to register your interest, please email Katrina <katrina.tweedie@augustine.org.uk>

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.

Sir James MacMillan talk

Sir James MacMillan's concert music is performed throughout the world, and he travels the globe to conduct some of classical music's top ensembles. Join music lovers across the city for a rare opportunity to hear insights from one of the world's most acclaimed composers in a talk about "Chant, the music of Faith, and its influence on the history of music" at 7.30 pm on Tuesday week, 23 April, at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Broughton Street. All are welcome, and you can book free tickets here: <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>

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: to hear about how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to 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 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.