

ORDER OF SERVICE - 21 APRIL 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 21 April 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)

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: Voluntary in D minor

Henry Purcell

Introit: God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer

H. Walford Davies

Welcome and Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

All: *We are the salt of the earth.*

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

All: *We are the light of the world.*

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

All: *The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.*

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

All: *Come, let us love one another with the love of God.*

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

Hymn 462:

Dominus regit me

- The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.*
- Where streams of living waters flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.*
- Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.*
- In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*
- Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what wonder and delight from thy pure chalice floweth!*
- And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever!*

Henry Williams Baker

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: *God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of an eternal covenant, make us perfect in goodness so that we may do your will; and create in us what is pleasing to you: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen

Hymn 251:

Here I am, Lord

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?*
3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Daniel L. Schutte

The Word of God

Acts 4: 5 - 12

Reader: Tori Graham

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

1. *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*
2. *Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*
3. *Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*
4. *Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*
5. *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

1 John 3: 16 - 24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Anthem: *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table thou hast furnishèd in presence of my foes;
my head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
and in my Father's heart always my dwelling-place shall be.
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.*

Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter

James Bain

Sermon

Professor Bert Kerrigan KC

'Love One Another'

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

All: *That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.*

Leader: What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

All: *That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honour to God.*

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

All: *That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.*

Leader: What do you affirm when you speak of "the life everlasting"?

All: *That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.*

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: Jo 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 248:

Bishopgarth

1. *'For my sake and the gospel's, go and tell redemption's story':
his heralds answer, 'Be it so, and thine, Lord, all the glory!'
They preach his birth, his life, his cross, the love of his atonement,
for whom they count the world but loss, his Easter, his enthronement.*
2. *Hark! hark! the trump of jubilee proclaims to every nation,
from pole to pole, by land and sea, glad tidings of salvation.
Still on and on the anthems spread of alleluia voices;
in concert with the holy dead the warrior Church rejoices.*
3. *He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns the last of time's evangels,
Immanuel, crowned with many crowns, the Lord of saints and angels.
O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM, Triune, who changest never,
the throne of God and of the Lamb is thine, and thine for ever.*

Edward Bickersteth

Benediction

Organ: Double voluntary

John Hingeston

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 25 April	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 28 April	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 5 May	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 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 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.

Study Service

Tonight's Study Service topic is **Romans 5 & 6: Christ and his gift of Christian life**. In Romans 5, Christ is the new Adam. Where Adam and Eve went wrong, Christ took on himself their legacy that he might stand in for us, reshape our sinful humanity, forgive our sins, and fulfil all righteousness for us. For Paul in Romans 6, Christ asks us to focus on what he has made us, on what we are *in him*, not what we are *in ourselves*, for in his risen new humanity we are all new, and only as we focus on him, not ourselves, we find Christ working in us through his word and Spirit and transforming us (see Ephesians 2.8-10).

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.

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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 on Thursday fortnight, 9 May, at 12 noon with a recital given by the Ethan James Quartet.

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, 2 May, and fortnightly thereafter.

The **Jubilo Society** concert in St Cuthbert's Church this Saturday 27 April, at 7.30 pm, will showcase Baroque masterpieces. 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*.

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 this Tuesday, 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.