

ORDER OF SERVICE - 28 APRIL 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 28 April 2024 – Fifth 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: Song without Words

Andrew Carter

Welcome and Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Hymn 715:

Glasgow

1. Behold! the mountain of the Lord in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills, and draw the wondering eyes.
2. To this the joyful nations round, all tribes and tongues, shall flow;
up to the hill of God, they'll say, and to his house we'll go.
3. The beam that shines from Zion hill shall lighten every land;
the King who reigns in Salem's towers shall all the world command.
4. Among the nations he shall judge; his judgements truth shall guide;
his sceptre shall protect the just, and quell the sinner's pride.
5. No strife shall rage, nor hostile feud disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men shall beat their swords, to pruning-hooks their spears.
6. No longer hosts, encountering hosts, shall crowds of slain deplore;
they hang the trumpet in the hall, and study war no more.
7. Come then, O house of Jacob! Come and worship at his shrine;
and, walking in the light of God, with holy beauties shine.

Isaiah 2: 2 - 5

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. 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*

The Word of God

Isaiah 51: 1 - 3

Reader: Carol Stewart

This is what the Lord says: "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing."

Hymn 162:

Leoni

1. *The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, Great I AM! By earth and heaven confessed,
I bow, and bless the sacred name for ever blest.*
2. *The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame and power,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tower.*
3. *He by himself has sworn, I on his oath depend:
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne, to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.*
4. *There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light for ever reigns.*
5. *The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!' they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! – I join the heavenly praise –
all might and majesty are thine, through endless days.*

Thomas Olivers,
based on the Jewish *Yigdal*

Luke 1: 39 - 50

Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation."

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

Anthem:

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

*(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.
O gentle and holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.)*

attr. Innocent VI

William Byrd

Sermon

Rev. Gareth Davies

Hymn 550:

1. *As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*
2. *I want you more than gold or silver; only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye.*
3. *You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.*

Martin J. Nystrom

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.*

Invitation to Holy Communion

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.

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: Nocturne

John Field
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer: Rosemary Scott

Hymn 662:

Maryton

1. *Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts, thou light of life, thou fount of grace;
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to seek thy face.*
2. *Thy truth unchanged has ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call:
to those that seek thee thou art good, to those that find thee, all in all.*
3. *We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.*
4. *Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.*
5. *O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

12th c, tr. Ray Palmer

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: Prelude in G, BWV550

J. S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 2 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 5 May	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 12 May	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 19 May	10.30 am: Holy Communion with our ecumenical partner churches, Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service, attended by the newly-appointed Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr Shaw James Paterson. 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Gareth Davies as our preacher this morning. Gareth is one of our members, and particularly a friend of our Gaelic congregation.

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 to 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.

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 on Thursday week, 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/>

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, 2 May, 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. Please take a copy of the **third** 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 to chat about things, or to leave a message with the Kirk office at 0131 229 1900 for either Gillian or Jo to call them 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: 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.