

ORDER OF SERVICE - 19 JANUARY 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Sue MacGregor
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The Rev. Matthew Bicket

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Director of Music
Today's Preacher



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 19 January 2025 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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: Lento from Set 2, no.3

C.V. Stanford

Introit:

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34: 8

R. Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Leader: With God, all things are made new.

All: *We are made new creatures in Christ!*

Leader: The mouth of the Lord has spoken.

All: *We are made new creatures in Christ!*

Leader: The old things have passed away.

All: *We are made new creatures in Christ!*

Hymn 125: Lord of all being, throned afar,
thy glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of every sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near!

Ombersley

2. Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
sheds on our path the glow of day;
star of our hope, thy softened light
cheers the long watches of the night.

3. Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

4. Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy ever-blazing throne
we ask no lustre of our own.

5. Grant us thy truth to make us free,
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Welcome and Prayers

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hymn 562: Through the love of God, our Saviour,
all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favour;
all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
all must be well.

Ar Hyd Y Nos

2. Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation,
all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
all must be well.

3. We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
'All, all is well.'
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
in our living, in our dying,
all must be well.

Mary Peters

The Word of God

Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

Reader: Bob Walker

The Vindication and Salvation of Zion

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hymn 722: Spirit of God, come dwell within me,
Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord,
come, fill me with living water.

Leaving of Llsmore

Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me :
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me,
and rising to save his people.

2. Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life and love and hope,
come, fill me with living water.
3. Lord, I am blind, my Lord, I can't see.
Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me.
Lead me your way in light and in truth,
come, fill me with living water.

Helen Kennedy

John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Anthem: Benedictus in F

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 118: 26

C. V. Stanford

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Offering

Tallis's Canon

Praise God, the source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
praise God the Spirit, holy flame; all glory, honour to God's name.

Offertory Prayer 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 192: All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Michael

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Day by day the mighty Giver
showers gifts on us below;
his desire our souls delight in,
pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at his hand,
joy awaits at his command!

5. Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges,
based on Joachim Neander

Benediction

Amen

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 on 'Hyfrydol'

Ralph Vaughan Williams

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30 am – Main Service

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

7 pm – Refugio – Holy Communion
with silence and symbol

Thursday 23 January

1:10 pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 26 January

10:30 am – Holy Communion,
with Rev. Sue MacGregor
and Rev. John Carswell

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

Sunday 2 February

10:30 am – Main Service
with Rev. Sue MacGregor

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Thursday 6 February

12 pm - Greyfriars @ 12 Concert
by Michael Turpie (small pipes)
and Linda Campbell (accordion).

*More information on services and
events can be found on our [website](#) or
by scanning the QR code:*



Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after today's service for a chat over tea or coffee and biscuits, served at the back of the church beneath the organ. If you are new to the Kirk, or are visiting after some time away, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service.

Volunteers

With our slimmed-down ministry team we are more than ever dependent on members of the congregation for the various essential roles to support our worship week by week. We are keen to expand the various rotas. Do get in touch if you can help, even if only once in a while.

For bible reading and pastoral prayers, contact

Naomi Stewart < naomistewart23@gmail.com >;

for welcoming at the door, contact either Jo Elliot < sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com >

or Bob Bradley < robertbradley152@gmail.com >;

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for live streaming, contact Peter Rae < peterwhrae@btinternet.com >;

for midweek prayers, contact Shirley Bell < shirley12bell@gmail.com >;

and for choir and music, Caroline Cradock < organist@greyfriarskirk.com >.

Many thanks.

Coffee Mornings

After the Christmas and New Year break, the regular coffee mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will resume from 10.30 am this Thursday, 23 January, and fortnightly thereafter.

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

Our Associate Minister is Rev. Sue MacGregor, and our Church of Scotland Reader is Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC. 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. Please contact the Kirk office by phone (0131 225 1900) or by email to either <minister@greyfriarskirk.com> or <contact@greyfriarskirk.com>.

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