

ORDER OF SERVICE - 16 MARCH 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. W. John Carswell
Dr. Caroline Cradock
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Locum Minister
Director of Music
Today's Preacher



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 16 March 2025 – Second Sunday in Lent

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: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Henry Purcell

Call to Worship

Leader: The Psalmist declared: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the Stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: Fill our hearts with Your light and strength, O God, as together in this place, we journey with each other through the questions of Lent, seeking always Your truth and love.

All: 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

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayers

Collect for the Day: *Blessèd are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory forever. In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessèd be God for ever.*

Amen

Hymn 596: Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Carlisle

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me
glows with your holy fire.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Edwin Hatch

The Word of God

Psalms 37: 1 - 11, 39 - 40

Reader: Carol Stewart

Exhortation to Patience and Trust

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Romans 12: 9 - 21

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hymn 528: Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Channel of Peace

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple

Luke 6: 27 - 38

Reader: Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Love for Enemies

Jesus said, 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

Sermon: "How Do We Differ?"

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51: 9 - 11

Thomas Attwood

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

Old 124th

Praise ye the Lord, ye servants of the Lord;
praise ye his name, his lordly honour sing:
thee we adore; to thee glad homage bring;
thee we acknowledge; God to be adored
for thy great glory, Sovereign, Lord, and King.

Offertory Prayer and Pastoral Prayer: Nigel Robb

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 203: When, in our music, God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried, *Alleluia!*

Engelberg

2. How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound *Alleluia!*

3. So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: *Alleluia!*

4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: *Alleluia!*

5. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: *Alleluia!*

Frederick Pratt Green

Benediction

Amen
at H820

Organ: Double voluntary

John Hingeston

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service of
Holy Communion

7pm – Refugio: Holy Communion
with silence and symbol

Thursday 20 March

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 23 March

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 27 March

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 30 March

10:30am – Holy Communion at
Greyfriars with members
of St. Cuthbert's

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Thursday 20 March

12pm Greyfriars @ 12: Alexander Kwon
(piano)

Thursday 27 March

12pm Greyfriars @ 12: Apollo's Melody
(flute & harp)

Friday 28 March

7:30pm – Dunedin Consort Concert

Saturday 5 April

7pm – Organ Recital with Caroline Cradock
and John Kitchen

*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.

Session Meetings

The next regular meeting of the Kirk Session is on Tuesday 18th March at 7.30 pm in the choir room, and online. Non members are welcome to attend but please notify the Session Clerk 24 hours in advance on sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com, and he will also supply the zoom access code on request. Non members may be asked to withdraw for any private items of business.

Congregation Information

The funeral of Donald Stephen will take place on Friday 28 March at Marchmont St Giles at 11am.

Kirk Porch

"Our new operations manager has been developing ideas about how we better utilise the Greyfriars Kirk porch as a means of engaging the high numbers of visitors who pass through the Kirkyard. The proposals, which are now supported by the Finance Management Group, include the installation of back-to-back commercial digital screens in the East window of the porch, which will allow us to share information about events and to signpost visitors as to what they can experience in the Kirk itself. We anticipate that these screens and other improvements to the porch set up will increase visitor numbers and their donations to the Kirk over time.

Our congregation members have generously supported capital projects in the past and we would be most grateful for any individuals who might wish to contribute to the costs of this project. If you are interested in hearing more and would be willing to support this initiative then please get in touch with our Finance Convener Andrew Campbell financeconvener@greyfriarskirk.com"

Parking

The kirkyard is owned and managed by City of Edinburgh Council and it is only with their continuing goodwill that we can park there for Sunday services and for evening meetings. Their particular concern is over uncontrolled parking which blocks our fire exit and access for emergency vehicles. Parking is therefore limited to those with mobility difficulties or leading services, and to a maximum of six cars

So these are the ground rules:

- No parking in the kirkyard unless you are leading worship or music or if you need disabled access by reason of impaired mobility
- Never have more than 6 cars parked in the kirkyard
- Default is that we cannot park in the kirkyard

City centre parking (for instance in Candlemaker Row) remains free on a Sunday until 12.30 pm and every day after 6.30 pm.

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>; for catering, contact Isobel Hutchings <bertishutchings@btinternet.com>; 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.

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Charteris Community Coffee Mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings have resumed – the next is on Thursday, 20 March, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

Our Locum Minister is the Rev. Dr. W. John Carswell 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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