

ORDER OF SERVICE - 30 MARCH 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK ST CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 30 March 2025 – Fourth 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: Choral and Menuet, from Suite Gothique op. 25/1-2

Léon Boëllmann

Introit: Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*(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.)*

attr. Innocent VI

Caroline Cradock

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who are honest with God.

All: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the Lord in times of distress;

All: for God is our refuge and protects us in time of trouble.

Leader: The steadfast love of our God never ceases.

All: It surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: As our mothers have given us life by God's grace,

All: So may we give thanks for family and our church community.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

All: Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

Hymn 167: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er.

Cwm Rhondda

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams

Welcome and Introduction

Prayers

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

Collect for the Day:

Gracious Father, your blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be true bread which gives life to the world. Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 63 (Psalm 100):

Old 100th

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Scottish Psalter

The Word of God

Joshua 5: 9 - 12

Reader: Angela McSeveney

The Passover at Gilgal

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b – 32

Reader: Bridget Cameron

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzie Stark

Anthem: My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars,
where stands a wingèd sentry, all skilful in the wars.

There, above noise and danger, sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
and One, born in a manger, commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend, and – O my soul, awake! –
did in pure love descend, to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of peace,
the Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges, for none can thee secure
but One who never changes, thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Henry Vaughan

C.H.H. Parry

Hymn 553:

Saffron Walden
(and during which, **The Offering**)

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call us, 'Come to me',
O Lamb of God, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
3. Just as I am you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
4. Just as I am – your love unknown
has broken every barrier down –
now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
5. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above –
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott

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

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 our thanks to the Lord our God. *It is truly 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 sins of the world; have mercy on us.

(at Hymn 778)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. Give us your peace.

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Prière à Notre-Dame, from Suite Gothique op. 25/3 Léon Boëllmann

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer: Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Hymn 519: Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Blaenwern

2. Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

Benediction

*Amen at
Hymn 820*

Organ: Toccata, from Suite Gothique op. 25/4

Léon Boëllmann

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30 am – Holy Communion

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 3 April

1:10 pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 6 April

9:15 am – Early Communion

10:30 am – Main Service

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

Sunday 13 April – Palm Sunday

10:30 am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Saturday 5 April

7pm – Organ Recital with Caroline Cradock and John Kitchen

Saturday 12 April

7:30pm – SCO Chorus Concert

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



Welcome

Today we welcome St. Cuthbert's for our joint Communion service. Going forward, our monthly Communion on the last Sunday of each month will be held jointly and alternating between Greyfriars and St. Cuthbert's, with no morning service in the other building, so our next monthly Communion will be at St. Cuthbert's on Sunday 27 April, Low Sunday. On Easter Sunday, 20 April, there will be Communion at both Greyfriars and St. Cuthbert's.

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 the ministry team before or after the service.

Stated Annual meeting – postponed by one week

Our 2025 meeting will now take place at 12 noon on **Sunday 13 April**, in the Session Room. Besides adopting the 2024 statutory accounts, the meeting will also be an opportunity for an update on our progress towards the union with St. Cuthbert's, and for questions and discussion. Here is the [link](#) to the audited accounts for 2024 for adoption at the meeting. Or you can find them on our News and Notices page on our website.

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Kirk Porch

Our new operations manager Mark Harrison 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.

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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