

ORDER OF SERVICE - 9 MARCH 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 9 March 2025 – First 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: *O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross* BWV622

J. S. Bach

Introit: View me, Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drowned in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.
In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly;
though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.

Thomas Campion

Richard H. Lloyd

Call to Worship

All: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalms 91: 1-2

Hymn 124: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;
come all who hear, into his presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Lobe den Herren

2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently but firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been
granted by God's wise ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do:
God will for ever befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Joachim Neander,
tr. *Catherine Winkworth

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayers

Collect for the Day:

God of the wilderness and redeemer of land, we gather to seek Your guidance and grace. In this season of Lent, draw us into deeper reflection on our lives and our world. As we journey with You, may we be shaped by Your justice, inspired by Your love, and empowered to act for Your kingdom.

Amen

Hymn 337: Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Aus der Tiefe

2. Sunbeams scorching day by day;
chilly dewdrops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow; earth thy bed.
3. Shall we not thy sorrows share,
learn thy discipline of will,
and, like thee, by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of ill?
4. And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh and spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
wilt not suffer us to fail.
5. Watching, praying, struggling thus,
victory ours at last shall be;
angels minister to us
as they ministered to thee.

George Smyttan *and* Francis Pott

The Word of God

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11

Reader: Kenneth Ballantine

First Fruits and Tithes

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time,

and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10: 8b – 13

Salvation is for All

Righteousness says, 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hymn 338: Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power', the tempter tells him;
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread', he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'

Lewis Folk Melody

- Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

Luke 4: 1 – 13

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' '

(over)

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon: Remembrance, Thanksgiving, Sacrifice

Anthem:

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51: 2 - 3

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

Gonfalon Royal

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth, whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer and Pastoral Prayer: Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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 552:

Martyrdom

1. Oh, for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!
2. Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?
3. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.
4. Return, O Holy Dove! Return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.
5. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.
6. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper

Benediction*Amen***Organ:** *Fuga* from Sonata no.2 in C minor Op.65/2

Felix Mendelssohn

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30am – Main Service for the
First Sunday of Lent

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 13 March

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 16 March

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday 13 March

12pm Greyfriars @ 12 Concert: Clyde Winds
(wind quintet)

Friday 14 March

7:30pm – RSNO Concert

Saturday 15 March

7:30pm – ERCU Concert

Thursday 20 March

12pm Greyfriars @ 12: Alexander Kwon
(piano)

Thursday 27 March

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

*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.

Study Service 9 March

Tonight's Study Service is a Bible Study on Jesus' miracles and their meaning. How did he do it? We will look at the following 4 passages from Mark. Several questions arise:

- Mark 1.15: "the kingdom of God is at hand". What did Jesus mean by "kingdom"?
- Mark 2. 2-12: What do we make of the two stages of this miracle?
- Mark 3.20-30: Why does Mark's Gospel give so many instances of demons being cast out? How should we understand this today?
- Mark 7.31-3: How was Jesus able to do his miracles? His power as God, or his prayer as man?

7 - 8pm by Zoom Meet.

(details of the link on request from Bob Walker <bob@hebrides.u-net.com>).

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.

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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