

ORDER OF SERVICE - 13 APRIL 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 13 April 2025 – Palm Sunday

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: *Pange lingua* Fugue à 5, & Récit du Chant de l'hymne

Nicolas de Grigny

Introit: Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis,
Nulla silva talem profert fronde, flore, germine,
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet.
(*Faithful cross, above all other, one and only noble tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit compares with thee:
sweet the wood and sweet the iron, sweet the load that hangs on thee.*)

Venantius Fortunatus, tr. *John Mason Neale

Chris Hutchings

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures for ever!

Leader: As cloaks were spread on the roads,

People: We hold these palm branches as symbols of reverence.

Leader: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in Heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.

Leader: As Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility,

People: Let me come before him today just as I am pleading only my love.

Leader: As Jesus went to the Temple to inspect it,

People: Let us open this place to him and us to his scrutiny.

Leader: May he find us receptive in hearts and minds

People: And listening for his word, offering worship worthy of his presence,
and seeing our world through his eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: So let us worship God this week of our Saviour's Passion.

Hymn 364: All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas sing!

St Theodulph

1. You are the King of Israel, great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessèd One.
2. The company of angels is praising you on high,
while we and all creation together make reply.
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
4. To you before your Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting, our great and gracious King.

St Theodulph of Orleans, *tr.* John Mason Neale

Welcome and Introduction

Prayers

Collect for the Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming in the name of the Lord.

Amen

Hymn 374: From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

The Servant King

This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours', he said.
3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick

The Word of God

Isaiah 43: 1 – 3a

Reader: Leslie Munro

Restoration and Protection Promised

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Luke 19: 28 - 40

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Book Matthew 27: 11 - 26

Jesus Brought before Pilate

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations

they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

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

- Hymn 399:** My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me: Love Unknown
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
But people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord done away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.
6. In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home:
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
7. Here might I stay and sing no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman

Dramatic Monologue: 'Barabbas'

Anthem: Solus ad victimam

Alone to sacrifice Thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds; why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide,
until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be;
heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Peter Abelard, *tr.* Helen Waddell

Kenneth Leighton

Affirmation of Faith

Morning by morning God wakens us to delight in His love. Throughout the day the Lord sustains us in all our actions. By night he guards us from the perils of the night. His face shines upon us, his servants and we are saved in his steadfast love.

Jesus followed the path God set for him for us and our salvation. From the adulation of the crowds on Palm Sunday to the hostility of those adverse to his ministry, to the questioning of an indifferent Pilate and the handing over to the hatred of the church leaders whose pieces of silver had led to his betrayal. To the fickle people who preferred a criminal to a Saviour. To the Roman Empire whose soldiers scourged him, mocked him and gambled his clothing away.

So, we affirm his passion and suffering. But ours is a resurrection faith that we know that our Redeemer liveth and will be our sole and necessary advocate at our passing.

We affirm our belief in the Holy Spirit and our faith in its guidance in our troubled lives.

So looking to the negatives of this week we are assured of the positive outcome for our faith.

Amen

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.*

Offertory Prayer : Bert Kerrigan

Pastoral Prayer: Tori Graham

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 365: Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Winchester New

Hark! All the tribes 'Hosanna!' cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Milman

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Chorale and Variation on *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Felix Mendelssohn

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today – Palm Sunday

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 17 April

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Friday 18 April

From 9pm - Tenebrae

Sunday 20 April – Easter Sunday

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7pm – Refugio

Thursday 24 April

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Palm Sunday Service 13th April

Today is Palm Sunday. This marks the time that Jesus arrived in Jerusalem in the days before his trial and crucifixion. As part of that service, we will be hearing the story of Barabbas. John Carswell will be presenting the Gospel reading in a dramatised form, which will help us engage with the narrative.

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.

Stated Annual meeting – TODAY

Our 2025 meeting will now take place today at 12 noon, 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: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Kirk-2024-signed-accounts.pdf>. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Monday 14 April

6pm – The Crown College Bible Choir

Thursday 17 April

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert: Louise

Martyn (soprano) & Nadanai

Laohakunakorn (piano)

Thursday 24 April

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert: Maurizio

Baudino (guitar)

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



Job Opportunity: Operations Coordinator

Ellen McFadzen will be leaving at the end of May, so we are looking for an energetic, self-motivated individual who has a unique skill set to help develop this expanding role. The Operations Coordinator role is multifaceted and requires the right individual to have experience in a range of areas including administration, marketing, communications and customer service.



For job description and application details, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/community-notes/>.

Kirk Porch

The two digital screens and the welcome podium have been ordered and we should have them in the next few weeks. Mark Harrison, our Operations Manager and his team are working on the templates for the digital screens and the format of the displays. 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.

We will provide an update on the installation date once we have it. We will welcome feedback on the display once installed.

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, 17 April, 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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