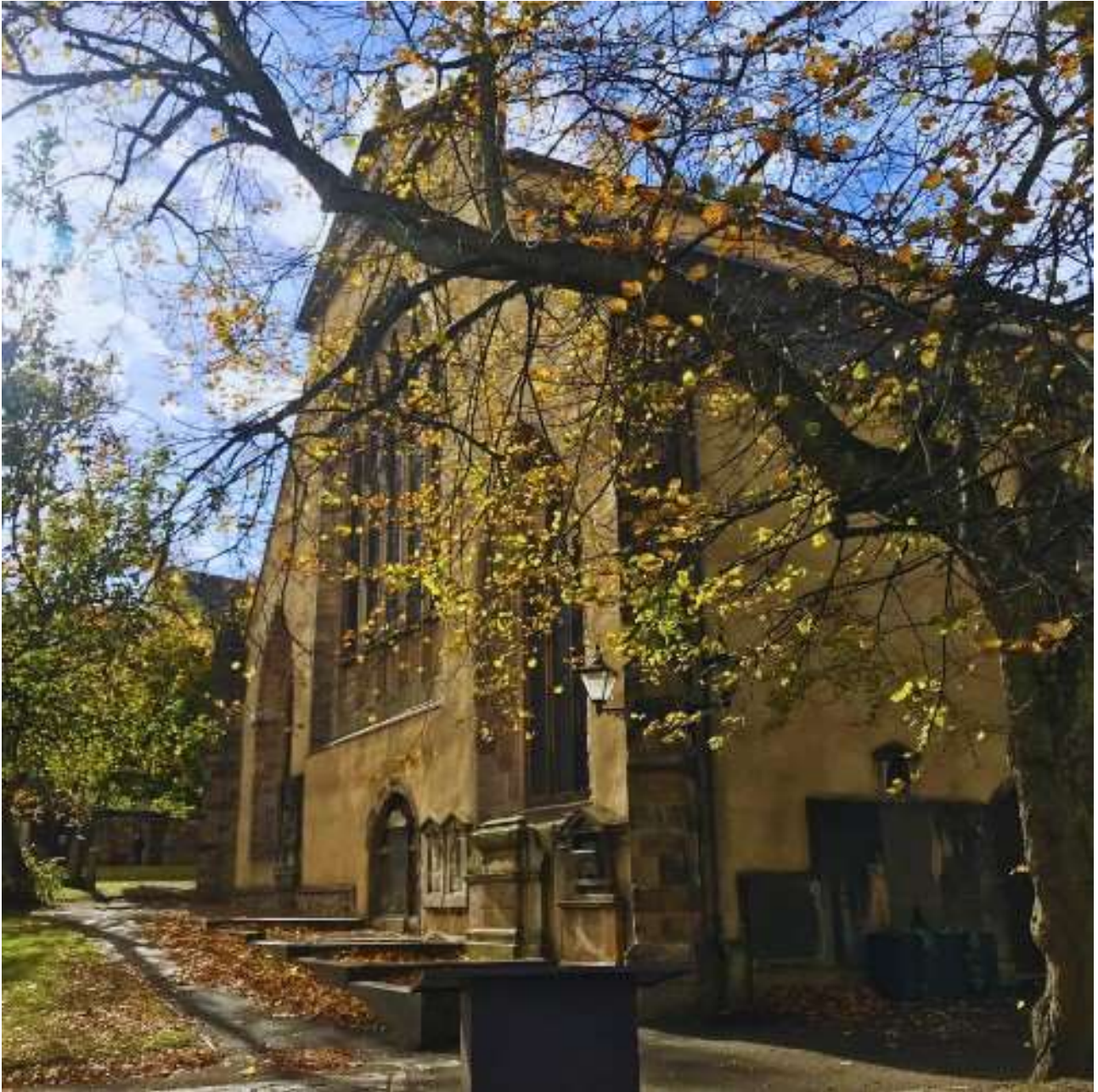


ORDER OF SERVICE - 20 APRIL 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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Locum Minister
Director of Music



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 20 April 2025 – Easter Day

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 on *O filii et filiae*

Denis Bédard

Introit: Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise, Christ has opened paradise! Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

Charles Wesley

Noel de Jongh

Call to Worship

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

People: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

Leader: Let Scotland say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let the church say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let all the people say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: In holiness and truth, in hope and in joy, in confidence and faith,

People: Let us worship God!

Hymn 413: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Ellacombe

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

St John of Damascus, *tr.* John Mason Neale

Welcome and Introduction

Prayers

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

(at H 648)

Collect for the Day:

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 410: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Easter Hymn

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.

3. But the anguish he endured,
our salvation has procured;
Now in heaven Christ is King,
where the angels ever sing.

4. Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all you heavenly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

from Lyra Davidica

The Word of God

Isaiah 65: 17 - 25

Reader: Bert Hutchings

The Glorious New Creation

God said: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not

live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15: 19 - 26

The Resurrection of the Dead

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hymn 431: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

O Filii et Filiae

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing. *Alleluia!*

2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay: *Alleluia!*

3. An angel robed in white they see,
who sat, and spoke unto the three,
'Your Lord goes on to Galilee.' *Alleluia!*

4. That night th' apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, 'My peace be on all here.' *Alleluia!*

9. On this most holy day of days,
our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise
in this triumphant hymn of praise: *Alleluia!*

Jean Tisserand,
tr. John Mason Neale

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon: 'Eating Sand'

Anthem: Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days had lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

John Crum

arr. John Kitchen

Affirmation of Faith

We undoubtedly believe that in so much as it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, died and buried, who descended into Hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, brought life again to us ythat were subject to death and to the bondage of the same. We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of his enemies, by the resurrection of the dead, whose sepultures did open, and they did arise and appeared to many within the City of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of his Angels, and by the senses and judgments of his Apostles, and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with Him after his resurrection.

Scots Confession, 1560

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.*

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 thanks to the Lord our God. *It is 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.

H 466: Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.

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2. When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.

The Distribution

Organ: Music for Reflection

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer: Rebecca Grant

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 419: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Maccabeus
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Edmond Budry,
tr. Richard Hoyle

Benediction

Amen
at H 820

Organ: Dialogues sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today – Easter Sunday

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7pm – Refugio

Thursday 24 April

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 27 April

10:30am – Communion
at St Cuthbert's

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 1 May

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 4 May

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Thursday 24 April

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:

Maurizio Baudino (guitar)

Sunday 27 April

4:30pm – A Chorus For Emma

Thursday 1 May

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:

Terra Invisus Ensemble

Saturday 3 May

11am – 1pm – Play the Organ Event

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



Easter Sunday Service 20th April

Today is the day the Lord has risen. We will be celebrating communion this morning.

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.

Next Sunday, Low Sunday - Joint Service at St Cuthbert's

Next Sunday is the last Sunday in the month, and our joint Communion Service will be held at St Cuthbert's Church at 10.30am. We would encourage you to support these joint services, and take the opportunity to get to know the members of St Cuthbert's on these occasions.

The days for the joint services over the next few months are: 25th May at Greyfriars, 29th June at St Cuthbert's, 27th July at Greyfriars and 31st August at St Cuthbert's.

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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.

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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