

ORDER OF SERVICE - 4 MAY 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 4 May 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

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: Regina coeli en sol majeur, op. 64

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
Organist -Andre Theng

Call to Worship

Leader: I will celebrate you, O Lord, for you raised me up when I was low, my enemies did not succeed in their schemes.

All: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me,

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from being lost, you saved my life.

All: Sing Praises to the Lord, all God's people, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Hymn 449:

Darwall's 148th

1. Rejoice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King adore.
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!
2. Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall before his feet:
5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home:
We then shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!

Charles Wesley

Welcome and Introduction

Prayers

Collect for the Day:

God of life and love, your Son made himself known to the disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 412:

Vulpius

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won;
now be the song of praise begun, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. The three sad days have quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. He broke the bonds of death and hell; the bars from heaven's gateway fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Lord, by the painful wounds you bore, death lost its sting for evermore;
living in you, our praises soar. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

17th c. Latin, tr. Francis Potts

The Word of God

Psalm 30

Reader: Sharon Barnes

A song at the dedication of the temple of David

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those
gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'
By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me
with joy, so that my soul[b] may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks
to you for ever.

Acts 9: 1 - 6

The Conversion of Saul

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Hymn 553:

Saffron Walden

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

John 21: 1 - 19

Jesus appears to seven disciples

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So

they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

Sermon: 'Transforming Support'

Anthem: A prayer of St Richard of Chichester

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know the more clearly, love the more dearly
and follow thee more nearly. Amen

L J White

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death
and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.*

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 and Pastoral Prayer: Margaret Wallace

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 427: Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Now is risen from the dead.

Lux Eoi

2. Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
so that we, with hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour, who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the blessed Trinity.

Christopher Wordsworth

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Chorale Prelude on 'Gelobt Sei Gott'

Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Organist -Andre Theng

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 8 May

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 11 May

11am – TLC Service at Augustine Utd.
Church

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 15 May

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Upcoming Events

Thursday 8 May

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:
Nadanai Laohakunakorn (piano quintet)

Saturday 10 May

7:30pm – Heriot Watt University
Orchestra & Choir

Tuesday 13 May

7:30pm – Organ Recital by Chris Nickol

Thursday 15 May

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:
Chiara Lordi (piano)



*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.

Congregation

We record with sadness the death of John Young. John was assistant organist and choir member along with his wife Sheila who pre-deceased him. John and Sheila were also volunteers and members of the Kirk band that played at ceilidhs over the years. John retired from his post as assistant organist in 2018 after more than 20 years. He started playing the organ at the age of 14.

We will remember his family and friends in our prayers. A funeral service will be held at Greyfriars Kirk on Wednesday 14 May at 2pm.

TLC Service, Sunday 11th May

The next TLC service will be at Augustine United Church on George IV Bridge at 11.00. We hope that members of Greyfriars will support this service joining our friends from St Columba's by the Castle and Augustine United Church for worship that morning. The service will be streamed via the Augustine United Church website:

<https://www.augustine.org.uk/worship/sunday-worship/>

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.

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.

This illustration has been provided by the Council to indicate where cars may be parked.



Volunteers – Sunday Worship

We are looking to expand the number of volunteers who provide valuable essential roles to support our worship week by week. There are various opportunities to assist and become more involved in the worship. We are keen to expand the various rotas so that the demands become less onerous. 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>

Volunteers - Opening Church for Visitors

We are also looking for friendly volunteers to join our Welcomers team.

Greyfriars Kirk welcomed over 100,000 visitors last year, a feat that wouldn't be possible without our fantastic volunteer team. As the first point of contact for visitors, our Welcomers help to enhance each visitor's experience by sharing knowledge, facilitating conversations, and assisting with purchases in the gift shop.

If you enjoy extending a warm welcome to others, and have an interest in the Kirk's history, please consider helping this important part of Greyfriars' outreach. We currently have available slots on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and volunteers normally take on one 3-hour shift per week; whatever time you can give, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

For more information, contact Meg at visitorops@greyfriarskirk.com

Charteris Community Coffee Mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings have resumed – the next is on Thursday 15th May, 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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