

ORDER OF SERVICE – 1 MARCH 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 1 March 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars.
All our services are available for viewing at any time
on our YouTube channel at < bit.ly/greyfriarstv >.

Organ: *O Mensch, beweine dein' Sunde gross* BWV622 J.S. Bach

Introit:

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

attr. St. Bernard of Clairvaux,
tr. Edward Caswall

Edward Bairstow

Call to Worship

Minister: I look up to the mountains — does your help
come from there?

All: *Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!*

Minister: He will not let you stumble;
the one who watches over you will not slumber.

All: *He who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.*

Minister: The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.

All: *The sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon at night.*

Minister: The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life.

All: *The Lord keeps watch over us as we come and go, both now and forever.*

Minister: Let us worship God.

Hymn 162: The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

1. *The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, Great I AM! By earth and heaven confessed,
I bow, and bless the sacred name for ever blest.*
2. *The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame and power,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tower.*
3. *He by himself has sworn, I on his oath depend:
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne, to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.*
4. *There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light for ever reigns.*
5. *The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!' they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! – I join the heavenly praise –
all might and majesty are thine, through endless days.*

Thomas Olivers,
based on the Jewish Yigdal

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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

at H. 648

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up unto joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* *Amen*

Hymn 402: Take up your cross, the Saviour said

Breslau

1. *'Take up your cross', the Saviour said,
 'if you would my disciple be;
 take up your cross, with willing heart,
 and humbly follow after me.'*
2. *Take up your cross; let not its weight
 fill your weak soul with vain alarm:
 his strength shall bear your spirit up,
 and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.*
3. *Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 and let your foolish pride be still;
 the Lord refused not even to die
 upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*
4. *Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
 and calmly every danger brave;
 it guides you to a better home,
 and leads to victory o'er the grave.*
5. *Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
 nor think till death to lay it down;
 for only those who bear the cross
 may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

Charles Everest

The Word of God

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a (OT p. 10)

Reader: Rus Loten

The Call of Abram

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Romans 4: 1 – 5 and 13 - 17 (NT p. 164)

The Example of Abraham

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen

Hymn 465: Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

1. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*
5. *High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

8th c. Irish, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne

John 3: 1 - 17 (NT p. nn)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into

the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

Sermon

Anthem:

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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 sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

The Offering

Old 124th, at H. 818

*Praise ye the Lord, ye servants of the Lord;
praise ye his name, his lordly honour sing:
thee we adore; to thee glad homage bring;
thee we acknowledge; God to be adored
for thy great glory, Sovereign, Lord, and King.*

Offertory Prayer

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayers of the People

Nigel Robb

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 644: O Jesus, I have promised

Thornbury

1. *O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*
2. *Oh, let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*
3. *Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.*
4. *O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:
now give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

John Ernest Bode

Benediction

Amen
at H. 820

Organ: Choral Song

S. S. Wesley

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm- Gaelic Service Thursday 05 March 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 08 March 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Friday 06 March 7:30pm – RSNO Chorus Concert Saturday 07 March 7:30pm – Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra Friday 13 March 7:30pm – Mystery Ensemble: Tim Burton’s Universe
Find information on services and events 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 the Ministry Team before or after the service.

Easter Services

We're looking forward to this year's Easter Services which are as follows:

Good Friday Service 'Waiting by the Cross' – 12:00pm,
Friday 03 April

Good Friday Tenebrae – 9:00pm, Friday 03 April

Easter Sunday Service – 10:30am, Sunday 05 April

You can find full details of the services at St Cuthbert's and our ecumenical partners on their websites and Facebook pages.

Car Parking

In order to help us manage access to the Kirkyard can anyone who requires access to park please arrive between 10:10am and 10:25am. If there is no one at the gate then please call 07598 470 320, and one of our welcomers will come down to unlock the gate and let you in.

Parking in the Kirkyard is prioritised for those leading worship, music, involved in catering, or for those requiring disabled access by reason of impaired mobility. The ideal capacity is 6 cars parked in the kirkyard. Use the map below to understand where vehicles need to be safely parked.



Please note that City centre parking (for instance in Candlemaker Row) remains free on a Sunday until 12.30 pm and every day after 6.30 pm.

Greyfriars@12 Winter Series

The Winter Series of Greyfriars@12 continues!

The next concert is by classical guitarist, Ciaran Mckinven, at 12 noon this Thursday, 05 March.

Please take an A5 leaflet to share with family and friends.

Charteris Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be on this Thursday, 5 March, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

Volunteers – Kirk weekday welcomers

We're 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 welcomer 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 get in touch with the Kirk office: volunteering@greyfriarskirk.com

Safeguarding

Your Church of Scotland Safeguarding Officer is Alison Noble.

You can contact Alison in person, via the church office, or by email: safeguarding@greyfriarskirk.com. There are posters displayed in the Kirk office and in the kitchen with more information.

Volunteers – Sunday Worship

We're looking to expand the number of volunteers who undertake essential roles in support of our weekly worship. There are various opportunities to assist and become more involved in worship. Please use the relevant contact information below to get in touch if you can help, even if only occasionally.

Bible reading and pastoral prayers Stephanie Rae stephanierae@btinternet.com	Welcoming team Jo Elliot sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com Nigel Robb deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com
Catering team Isobel Hutchings bertishutchings@btinternet.com	Tech team Peter Rae peterwhrae@btinternet.com
Midweek Prayers Gillian Couper Gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk	Choir and music Caroline Cradock organist@greyfriarskirk.com
Flower team Mary Macpherson marybmacpherson@outlook.com Clem Bradley clementinabradley@gmail.com	Pastoral care visiting team Nigel Robb deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

You can contact our Locum Minister, Calum Macdougall, to discuss pastoral matters with him either by email: MMacdougall@churchofscotland.org.uk or arrange to meet with him by calling the Kirk office on 0131 225 1900.

You are very welcome to get in touch with our ministry team for any reason - whether to hear how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to share a cup of tea and a chat.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to join the Pastoral Care Visiting Team and offer to visit those who cannot attend Church.

Please contact the Kirk office to arrange a meeting with a member of the Ministry team.

Phone: 0131 225 1900

Email: contact@greyfriarskirk.com.

The Gift Aid scheme allows us to reclaim tax on offerings, by 25p in the £. If you are a UK taxpayer, please take advantage by using one of the envelopes in the backs of the chairs.



It is important to **fill in your name** (and address if you are not already on our list) – we have been getting some blank envelopes back which cannot be used for tax reclaim.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code that will take you to our donation page, or you can donate by card through our new card readers by the main doors, which allow you to choose the amount.

Many thanks.