

ORDER OF SERVICE – 8 MARCH 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 8 March 2026 – Third 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: Voluntary in D minor

Henry Purcell

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.
Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar, pure and white:
they that once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight.
Wordly joys, like shadows, fade when the heav'nly light appears,
but the cov'nants thou hast made, endless, know not days nor years.
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

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Leader: On this Third Sunday of Lent we have been reflecting
on our Lord's days in the arid and dusty wilderness.

People: *He would have been thirsty not only for water
but for the truth of life.*

Leader: Come, all who thirst for living water.
People: *We come to drink deeply from the well of God's grace.*
Leader: Come, all who hunger for truth and mercy.
People: *We come to be filled with the bread of life.*
Leader: Come, all who long for renewal and peace
in this tormented time globally.
People: *We come to be restored by the Spirit's breath.*
Leader: This is the place where God meets us.
People: *We come with open hearts, ready to worship.*
Leader: So then let us worship God in song, prayer,
scriptural reflection and in the preaching of the Word.

Hymn 192: All my hope on God is founded Michael

1. *All my hope on God is founded, all my trust he will renew; safe
through change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.*
2. *Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown
betray God's trust; though with care and toil
we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.*
3. *God's great goodness lasts for ever, deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.*
4. *Day by day the mighty Giver showers gifts on us below;
his desire our souls delight in, pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at his hand, joy awaits at his command!*
5. *Still from earth to God in heaven sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.*

Robert Bridges,
based on Joachim Neander

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by The Rev. Calum Macdougall

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

at H. 648

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, you give the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son. May we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord*
Amen

Hymn 397: In the cross of Christ I glory

Stuttgart

1. *In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*
2. *When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.*
3. *When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more lustre to the day.*
4. *Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.*
5. *In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

John Bowring

The Word of God

Exodus 17: 1 - 7 (OT p. 68)

Reader: Anne Bradbury

Water from the Rock

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.'

(over)

Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Romans 5: 1 - 11 (NT p. 165)

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Amen

Hymn 148: The spacious firmament on high

Firmament

1. *The spacious firmament on high,
with all the blue ethereal sky,
and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
their great Original proclaim.
Th' unwearied sun, from day to day,
does his Creator's power display,
and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.*
2. *Soon as the evening shades prevail,
the moon takes up the wondrous tale,
and nightly to the listening earth
repeats the story of her birth;
while all the stars that round her burn,
and all the planets, in their turn,
confirm the tidings, as they roll,
and spread the truth from pole to pole.*
3. *What though in solemn silence all
move round the dark celestial ball;
what though no real voice nor sound
amid their radiant orbs be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
and utter forth a glorious voice,
for ever singing, as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine!'*

Joseph Addison

John 4: 5 - 42 (NT p. 101)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'— although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized — he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that

Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

Sermon

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

Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Christian Faith

Authorised for use in worship
by the General Assembly in 1992

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.

*We praise God the Father: who created the universe and keeps it
in being. He has made us his sons and daughters to share
his joy, living together in justice and peace,
caring for his world and for each other.*

*We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: born of Mary, by the power of the
Holy Spirit, he became one of us, sharing our life and our death.
He made known God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and
declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness for
all. By his death on the cross and by his resurrection, he has
triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.*

*We trust God the Holy Spirit: who unites us to Christ and gives life to the
Church; who brings us to repentance and assures us
of forgiveness. The Spirit guides us in our understanding
of the Bible, renews us in the sacraments, and calls us to serve
God in the world.*

*We rejoice in the gift of eternal life: we have sure and certain hope
of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again
to judge the world. Then all things will be made new; and
creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,
through the Son, in the power of the Spirit,
one God, blessed for ever.*

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

Catherine Alexander

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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 139: Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him

Laus Deo

1. *Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all you stars and light.*
- 2, *Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance has he made.*
3. *Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.*
4. *Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven, and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name.*

from Psalm 148

Benediction

*Amen
at H. 820*

Organ: Double voluntary

John Hingeston

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30 am – Sunday Service 12:30 pm- Gaelic Service Thursday 12 March 1:10 pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 15 March 10:30 am – Sunday Service 12:30 pm – Gaelic Service 7:00 pm – Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol	Friday 13 March 7:30pm – Mystery Ensemble: Tim Burton’s Universe Saturday 14 March 7:30pm – Midlothian Concert Band & University of Iowa Monday 16 March 7:00pm – Palm Beach Chamber Players
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.

Palm Sunday Service – 10.30 am, Sunday 29 March; joint service of Holy Communion in Greyfriars with St. Cuthbert's.

Good Friday Service 'Waiting by the Cross' – 12:00 pm to 3.00 pm on Friday 03 April. This service includes half-hourly meditations led by the Rev. Calum Macdougall. There will be ample space for private prayer and reflection, among the meditations that will be offered.

Good Friday Tenebrae – 9:00 pm on Friday 03 April.

Easter Sunday – Holy Communion at 10:30am on Sunday 05 April

There are other services taking place with our ecumenical partners throughout Holy Week. You can find links to the details of services [at St Cuthbert's](#) and [our ecumenical partners](#) on our website.

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 the Glasgow Duo (violin and piano) at 12 noon this Thursday, 12 March.

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

Charteris Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be on Thursday week, 19 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.

Offerings by Gift Aid:

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.