



# GREYFRIARS

kirk in worship

*life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday May 19 2019**

“Earth’s crammed with heaven and every common bush afire with God,  
but only he who sees takes off his shoes”

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

## Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Hymns, and other numbered items, can be found in the purple hymnbooks located in the seats in front of you. We invite you to join in saying and singing the parts of the service printed in italics, and to say *Amen* after the prayers.

**Organ:** Meditation

John West (1853 – 1929)

### **Introit:**

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, charity, and patience, in all my adversities. Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Henry Loosemore (1600-1670)

### **Call to Worship**

*Hymn 200: Christ is made the sure foundation*

*Tune: Westminster Abbey*

### **Call to Prayer**

### **Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon**

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*Tune at Hymn 776*

### **Collect for the day:**

*Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Amen*

### **A Time for All**

*Hymn 687: Lord of our growing years*

*Tune: Little Cornard*

### **The Word of God**

**Epistle:** Acts 11: 1 – 18

NT, p. 29

Reader: Bob Walker

*Hymn 27 (Psalm 34): I will always bless the Lord*

*Tune: Taladh Chriosta*

**Gospel:** John 13: 31 – 35

NT, p. 116

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord,

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

## **Anthem:** My steps to Christ

My steps to Christ my Lord will I direct, His way alone shall guide me: my steps to Christ where'er He lead shall never falter. The peace of God by Christ the Son through fields of sleep shall draw me on, and love eternal lead me towards His glory; till God eternal, Christ my King, in robes of glory and of honour and of beauty appears, opens the gate of Paradise; while trump on trumpet soundeth loud, and calls to life eternal, to life for evermore.

tr. Edward Pine

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

## **Sermon**

### ***An Invocation:***

**Leader:** Come, Spirit of Love, that goes to any lengths, that breaks through a lifetime's crippling habits, that wells up from the depths,

**All:** *Come, O Spirit of Love.*

**Leader:** Come, Spirit of Purity, that burns away lust and wastefulness of time,

**All:** *Come, O Spirit of Purity.*

**Leader:** Come, Spirit of Wisdom, that teaches us to see into the nature of things, to know and to do what is right.

**All:** *Come, Spirit of Wisdom.*

**Leader:** Come, Spirit of Joy, that brings a song into blighted lives, a serenity into our roots and a sparkle into our eyes.

**All:** *Come, Spirit of Joy.*

**Leader:** Come, O Spirit of Power, that snaps the chains of fear and casts out the demons of hell and hopelessness,

**All:** *Come, O Spirit of Power.*

**Leader:** The Spirit of Love, of Purity, of Wisdom, of Joy and Power is coming.

**All:** *Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Come to us with wisdom.*

*Come to us with understanding. Come to us with patience.*

*Come to us with truth. Come to us with purity.*

*Come to us with reverence.*

*Glory to Jesus. Glory to the Father. Glory to you, ever boundless Spirit.*

*Amen*

## **The Offering**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Tune: Old 100th, at Hymn 807*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Words at Hymn 652*

*Hymn 259: Beauty for brokenness*

*Tune: God of the Poor*

### **Benediction**

*Amen*

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;*

*May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

*Tune at Hymn 786*

**Organ:** Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang (1891 – 1971)

## NOTES

The Kirk's new and improved **web site** is at [www.greyfriarskirk.com](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com). Please visit it for up-to-date information on all our activities.

The **Minister**, Richard Frazer or the **Associate Minister**, Ken Luscombe, are happy to meet anyone to discuss any matter. To arrange an appointment or a visit, whether you are a member or not, please contact either Richard on 667-6610 or by email at [minister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:minister@greyfriarskirk.com), or Ken by email at [associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com), or the Kirk office on 225-1900.

At the **General Assembly Gaelic Service** at 12.30 pm today, the preacher will be the Rev Hector MacKenzie, a chaplain in Her Majesty's Forces. The service will be attended by the Moderator, the **Right Rev Colin Sinclair**, and will include music by the Lothian Gaelic Choir. Because of the special catering for the many Gaelic visitors to this service, there cannot be our usual coffee and sandwiches after this morning's service. Later, here in the Kirk at 7.00 pm, there will be Refugio, our monthly reflective service of Holy Communion, and the regular **Study Service** will be at 7.00 pm in the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance.

### **Forthcoming Services:**

Sunday 26 May: Holy Communion at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

Sunday 2 June: Holy Communion at 9.30 am.

Morning Service at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

Sunday 9 June: Morning Service at 11.00 am, and Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

On Thursday, 23 May, there will be the regular **Coffee Morning** at the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

The Greyfriars **lunchtime concerts** will continue at 12 noon on Thursday, 23 May, with a recital by **St Mary's Music School**

**Heart for Art** continues on Thursday, 23 May, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance. There are information leaflets on one of the tables in the Kirk.

The congregation is invited to attend an event arranged by Birlinn Publishing at Greyfriars Kirk during the General Assembly, to celebrate recent titles that explore the inner life., including Richard's new book *Travels with a Stick*. The event will be on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, with doors opening at 4.30 pm. Please R.S.V.P to [events@birlinn.co.uk](mailto:events@birlinn.co.uk) or call 0131 655 1519 if you are planning to attend.

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