



GREYFRIARS

kirk in worship

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

Sunday after Ascension

Sunday 2 June 2019

Anyone informed that the Universe is expanding and contracting in pulsations of 80 billion years has a right to ask, "What's in it for me?"

Peter de Vries (1910-1993)

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

You are warmly invited to remain behind for coffee and sandwiches, served at the back of the church beneath the organ at the end of the service.

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: Subtilité des Corps Glorieux,
from Les Corps Glorieux

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Introit:

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

(This place is God's handiwork, a mystery beyond price; it is above reproach.)

Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Call to Worship

Hymn 436: *Christ triumphant, ever reigning*

Tune: Guiting Power

Call to Prayer & Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Tune at Hymn 648

Collect for the day:

Almighty God, you have raised your only Son to the right hand of your glory, and bestowed on him the name above all names. Assure us that as he reigns with you in heaven so he abides with us on earth to the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and is glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Time for All

Hymn 473: *Thy kingdom come!*

Tune: Irish

The Word of God

New Testament: Acts 1: 1 – 11

NT, p. 126

Epistle: Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

NT, p. 205

Reader: Laura Dunlop

Hymn 38 (Psalm 47): *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy*

Gospel: Luke 24: 44 – 53

NT, p. 97

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord,

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem:

Coelos ascendit hodie Jesus Christus Rex gloriae.

Sedet ad Patris dexteram, gubernat coelum et terram. Alleluia!

Iam finem habent omnia patris Davidis carmina.

Iam Dominus cum Domino sedet in Dei solio. Alleluia!

In hoc triumpho maximo benedicamus Domino.

Laudetur Sancta Trinitas. Deo dicamus gratias. Alleluia! Amen.

(Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, has ascended today into the heavens.

He sits at the right hand of the Father and rules heaven and earth.

Now all the psalms of our father David are fulfilled.

Now our Lord sits with the Lord on the throne of God.

In this greatest of triumphs let us bless the Lord.

Let the Holy Trinity be glorified, and let us give thanks to God.)

Anonymous, 12th century

C. Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sermon

Affirmation:

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

*We believe that God is revealed in the life of Jesus Christ
in grace, mercy and justice.*

*We believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence
in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.*

*We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us
to abundant life both now and forever.*

*We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*We believe that God moves us to be together in communities
of faith, hope, and love.*

*We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith;
as people who trust in the reality of God*

revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy 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 465: Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart

Tune: Slane

Benediction

Amen

Sung Response:

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: Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux,
from Les Corps Glorieux

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

NOTES

The Kirk's new and improved **web site** is at 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, or Ken by email at associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com, or the Kirk office on 225-1900.

This morning we welcome as our preacher the Rev David Paton-Williams, who is the Rector of St Columba's by the Castle, one of our ecumenical partner churches.

Children are welcome at Greyfriars: please feel free to use the crèche, and the children's space, at the back of the church. The **Gaelic Service** at 12.30 pm today will be led by Mt Roddy John MacLeod. Later, the **Study Service** at 7.00 pm in the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will be on the topic "Deep Incarnation?"

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 6 June: Mid-week Prayers at 1.10 pm – please join us for 20 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection.

Sunday 9 June, Pentecost: Morning Service at 11.00 am.

Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm – Rev Ruairidh Maclean.

Sunday 16 June: Joint Service of Holy Communion, with our local ecumenical partner churches, at 11.00 am in **St Columba's by the Castle** at 14 Johnston Terrace.

Gaelic Service in Greyfriars at 12.30 pm – Rev Ruairidh Maclean.

Refugio at 7.00 pm – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

Sunday 23 June: Morning Service at 11.00 am.

Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm – Mr Neil MacDonald.

Sunday 30 June: Holy Communion at 11.00 am.

Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm – Rev Ruairidh Maclean.

Please note that next Sunday, 9 June, the lower part of Candlemaker Row will be closed for a Council event, in connection with their proposal for a new cycleway.

The Greyfriars **lunchtime concert** at 12 noon this Thursday, 30 May, will be a recital by the **St Aloysius Opera Group**.

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Heart for Art continues this Thursday, 6 June, 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.

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