



GREYFRIARS

kirk in worship

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 8 September 2019**

**The Kirking of the Captain & Lass of
the Edinburgh Riding of the Marches**

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: Meditation

César Franck (1822-1890)

Andante, from Organ Sonata in D minor, Op.65 No.6

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Introit:

Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers; and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, 1549

Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

Call to Worship

Hymn 39 (Psalm 50), vv. 1 – 3: God the Lord, the king almighty

Tune: Hyfrydol

Blessing of the Edinburgh Riding of the Marches

Lord Provost:

Connor Geddes, it is with great pleasure that I now complete your installation as Edinburgh Captain 2019 by entrusting you with the City of Edinburgh Banner, and charge you to inspect the boundaries of our Capital City.

I ask that you return this Banner to me in one week from today, unsullied and unstained.

Captain Connor Geddes:

My Lord Provost, on behalf of the people of the City of Edinburgh, and by the trust invested in me, I promise to return the city banner to you in one week's time at the Mercat Cross, unsullied and unstained.

Prayer for the City and for the Common Riding

Hymn 39 (Psalm 50), v. 4: Lies increase and evil prospers

Tune: Hyfrydol

**A Time for All – an interview with
participants in the Common Riding**

Hymn 710: 'I have a dream', a man once said

Tune: Repton

The Word of God

Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11

OT, p. 747
Reader: Jamie Sutherland

Hymn 96 (*Psalm 139*): *You are before me, Lord*

Tune: Sursum Corda

Gospel: Luke 14: 25 – 33

NT, p. 83

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord,

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: Exsultate Justi

Praise your God, ye righteous, rejoice and sing, for the Lord is worthy to be prais'd. Raise your voices and sound his praise with lute and harp: strike the ten-stringèd psaltery bravely. Tell out his praises, declare his glory: sing ye a new song. O sing praises, sing praises: sing lustily with good courage. Praise your God, for the Lord is worthy to be prais'd.

Psalm 33: 1 - 3

Ludovico Viadana (c.1560 – 1627)

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

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Tune: St Magnus, at Hymn 806

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration

The Lord's Prayer

Words at Hymn 652

Hymn:

Tune: Thaxted, at Hymn 704

1. Lord, your loving hand is seen in all that you have made so well;
O'er the hills the eagle soars with grace that words can never tell.
Deep within our soul we sense you like our pulse, so very near;
The hands that we hold in life shall chase away our fear.
Yet this world is full of scars and many painful tears are shed,
So we ask your Spirit now to show the paths that we should tread.
2. Lead us now to cherish what we have instead of wanting more.
Fire us with that love that Jesus had, who always blessed the poor.
Bend our wills to plough the soil and serve all life by Holy Law.
As we seek to explain the world, fill all our minds with awe.
And help us hear anew the prophet's wise and timely word,
Living justly, loving mercy and humbly seeking God.

Richard Frazer

Benediction

Amen

Tune at Hymn 822

Organ: Chorale Variations and Fugue, from
Organ Sonata in D minor, Op.65 No.6

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 the Lord Provost, the Rt Hon Frank Ross, this year's Edinburgh Captain Connor Geddes and Edinburgh Lass Rose Hessell, and other participants in the Edinburgh Riding of the Marches. We also welcome as our guest preacher the Rev Fiona Bennett, who is the minister at Augustine United Church on George IV Bridge, one of our local 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 Mr Roddy John MacLeod. Later, the **Study Service** at 7.00 pm in the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will be on the topic "The Trinity and the Word."

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 12 September: Mid-week Prayers at 1.10 pm – please join us
for 20 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection.

Sunday 15 September: Morning Service at 11.00 am.

Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm – Mr John Archie MacMillan.

Refugio at 7 pm - Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

Sunday 22 September: Harvest Thanksgiving at 11.00 am.

Gaelic Service at 12.30 pm.

Sunday 29 September: Holy Communion at 11.00 am & Gaelic Service at **12.45** pm.

Sunday 6 October: Holy Communion at 9.30 am.

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

Congregational email list: please sign up **today** for the **Kirk email list**, if you have not already done so. The signing-up forms are on a table at the foot of the choir stair, where you can fill them in and leave them. Under the new General Data Protection Regulation, we must have your signed approval to send you regular emails about special events, items of Kirk news, and more. Thank you!

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NOTES (ctd)

This Thursday, 12 September, the regular **Coffee Morning** will resume at the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

The Greyfriars **lunchtime concert** at 12 noon this Thursday, 12 September, will be given by **Toni James** (piano) and **Pamela Martchev** (flute).

Heart for Art continues this Thursday, 12 September, 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.

Edinburgh University Campus Ministry: come to our EUCAM launch event this Friday, 13 September, at 6.00 pm in the Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance. There will be food, worship, and information – especially for students - about small groups, volunteering, and socials which will take place this semester.

There will be a **Memorial Service** at St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace, at 11.00 am on Wednesday week, 18 September, for their long-standing member **Alan Harding**. Alan had been a strong supporter of our ecumenical partnership with St Columba's and with Augustine's, and an advocate for it, from its very earliest days.

Road closures: as part of the circular route for a Cycling Festival on Sunday fortnight, 22 September, George IV Bridge will be closed from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. There will be vehicle access to the Kirk via the Cowgate and Candlemaker Row, but as there will be congestion, drivers should allow some extra time.

On **Sunday 29 September** at 12:00 noon (not on 22 September, as was intimated last week), you are invited to join us at the front of the Kirk for the **Greyfriars Family group photo** as we prepare for our 400th anniversary celebrations. If you are a part of Greyfriars Kirk, or of any of our partner organisations, we would love to have you join us for the 20 minutes or so that this special group photo will take, and for light refreshments afterwards. Wear colourful clothing, and bring your families, pets (!) – all are welcome! The photographer will also be discreetly taking more photographs both beforehand and afterwards. For any questions, contact the Kirk office on 0131 225 1900.

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Saturday Orchard & Vegetable Growing Group: we are delighted to have been accepted by the Church of Scotland's Church and Community Orchards initiative as one of four Scottish churches to be "orchard-twinning" with churches in Hungary, where the Plant Native Fruit Trees in Church Gardens project won a European Christian Environmental Network award in 2018. Planting and caring for these trees is both a symbolic and practical expression of care for creation, as well as enhancing our wonderful Kirkyard as green space for both humans and wildlife.

We are looking for a team of volunteers as part of a Saturday Orchard Group collaboration between the Kirk and the Grassmarket Community Project to care for this burgeoning orchard and some new raised beds in which we hope to grow vegetables to further enhance the space and help people learn about and enjoy plants for healthy eating. If you are able to spare two hours, on one or two Saturdays most months, and would like to learn about and help undertake planting, care and maintenance of the Orchard trees and vegetable beds, and to meet and help others in the Greyfriars community, please contact Gillian at gillian@grassmarket.org or on 0131 225 3626. We really hope some people from different parts of our community will come together and enjoy the activities offered by this great opportunity!

A taster session will take place in the autumn, at which volunteers can taste and decide which fruit trees might be planted. Design, training and planting will be developed and undertaken with the help of The Orchard Project, the UK's only national charity dedicated to creation, restoration and celebration of community orchards. Planting is expected to take place in the spring.

Gift Aid Your Open Collection Donation

If you are a UK tax payer, please use **Gift Aid** to let Greyfriars Kirk claim 25p from HM Revenue & Customs for every £1 you donate, by putting your open collection donation in the Gift Aid envelopes provided - these can be found in the backs of the chairs, or ask one of the duty elders. If the church office already has your address, you need not put it on the envelope - just your name and the date.