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Greyfriars Kirk



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Sunday Worship

Sunday 15 November 2020

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. Whether you are watching online or in person, thank you for joining us today. During in-person services, please ensure that you are following the one-way system, adhering to a two-metre distance from others and staying seated as much as possible in order to create plenty of space between one another. We know things look a little bit different than usual, and we are grateful to you for your adherence to the rules to keep us all as safe as possible. All Sunday services are available in our online library for viewing at any time at greyfriarskirk.com/online-services.

1. **Greyfriars Bell** (Online)
2. **Organ:** (Online) Henry and Amelia Wallace:
"Almighty and everlasting God", by Orlando Gibbons
(In-person)
Prélude a l'Introit pour le XVIe dimanche après la Pentecôte, by André Fleury
3. **Welcome and Opening Prayer:**
(Online) Dr Urzula Glienecke
(In-person) Rev Ken Luscombe
4. (Online) **Hymn 225:** Summer suns are glowing

*Summer suns are glowing over land and sea;
Happy light is flowing, bountiful and free.
Everything rejoices in the mellow rays;
All earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.*

*See God's mercy streaming over all the world,
and his banner gleaming everywhere unfurled.
Broad and deep and glorious as the heaven above,
shines in might victorious his eternal love.*

*Lord, upon our blindness your pure radiance pour;
for your loving-kindness make us love you more.
And when clouds are drifting dark across the sky,
then, the veil uplifting, Father, still be nigh.*

*We will never doubt you, though you veil your light;
life is dark without you; death with you is bright.
Light of light, shine o'er us on our pilgrim way;
still go on before us, to the endless day.*

William Walsham How

(In-person) **Hymn 159:** Lord of the years

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the Word of life, which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.*

*Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.*

*Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.*

*Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

Timothy Dudley-Smith

5. Readings: Amelia Wallace

Psalm 90: 1 – 8 and 12

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Matthew 25: 14 - 30

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

6. **Sermon:** Rev Ken Luscombe

7. **Music for Reflection:**

(Online) "Ave verum corpus", by Mozart, sung by members of the Greyfriars choir.

(In-person) Henry Wallace:

Chorale Prelude on "Martyrdom", Set 2 No.2, by Hubert Parry

8. **Pastoral prayer, Lord's prayer and blessing:**

(Online) Dr Urzula Glienecke

(In-Person) Rev Ken Luscombe

9. **Hymn 555:** Amazing grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

John Newton

10. **Organ:** Henry Wallace:
(Online) Chorale Prelude on "Martyrdom", Set 2 No.2, by Hubert Parry
(In-person) Air, by Henry Purcell