

ORDER OF SERVICE – 23 MAY 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 23 May 2021 – Pentecost

Three Churches Service

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available in our online library for viewing at any time at greyfriarskirk.com/online-services.

The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity.
This Word manifests itself in every creature.

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer (Greyfriars)

Hymn 600:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love.*

- 1 *You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.*
2. *Without you help we fail our lord, we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.*

Margaret Old

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev David Paton-Williams (St Columba's)

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit and opening the way of life eternal to every race and nation. Keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

Acts 2: 1 – 21

Reader: Kathleen Ziffo (Augustine United)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Anthem: "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire"

sung alternatim with:
Choral Varié sur le thème du "Veni Creator",
Op.4, by Maurice Duruflé

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessèd unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soilèd face with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes; give peace at home: where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both to be but one,
that through the ages all along this may be our endless song,
'Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.' Amen.*

John Cosin

Sermon: Rev Fiona Bennett (Augustine United)

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky. Born of Mary's womb, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. He died, but transformed even death, and rose to life so that he might journey with us. He blessed his disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to his mission in the world, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn 598:

- 1 *Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.*
2. *Come Holy Ghost, for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke;
unlock the truth, thyself the key: unseal the sacred book.*
3. *Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.*
4. *God through himself we then shall know, if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.*

Charles Wesley

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

with piano music

Partaking of the Elements

"Allegro assai" by Muzio Clementi,
played by Victoria Irvine (Greyfriars)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Anne Ross (Greyfriars)

Hymn 528:

1. *Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*
2. *Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.*
3. *Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive; and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Sebastian Temple

Benediction

Organ: Trumpet Voluntary in D

Henry Purcell