

ORDER OF SERVICE – 6 June 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 6 June 2021 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Organ: Rêverie

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 83 (Psalm 122):

1. *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to the house of God.'
And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!*
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.
2. *Like a temple of unity is the city, Jerusalem.*
It is there all tribes will gather, all the tribes of the house of God.
3. *It is faithful to Israel's law, there to praise the name of God.*
All the judgment seats of David were set down in Jerusalem.
4. *For the peace of all nations, pray: for God's peace within your homes.*
May God's lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem.
5. *For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace.*
For the love of God's own people I will labour and pray for you.

Bernadette Farrell

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Richard Frazer

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

Collect for the Day: *Eternal One, open our eyes to see you in the splendour of creation and know you in the beauty and tragedy of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts and the people that surround us, to delight in serving our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy and peace of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen

The Word of God

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10

Reader: Jo Elliot

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Hymn 251:

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give the hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?*

3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Daniel L. Schutte

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Statement of Belief:

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

Piano Music for Reflection: Prelude, BWV 854

J.S. Bach
(Victoria Irvine)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Ruth Halley

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 43 (Psalm 63):

1. *O God, you are my God alone, whom eagerly I seek,
though longing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my body weak.
Just as a dry and barren land awaits a freshening shower,
I long within your courts to see your glory and your power.*
2. *Your faithful love surpasses life, evoking all my praise.
Through every day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.
My deepest needs you satisfy as with a sumptuous feast.
So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has never ceased.*
3. *Throughout the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;
in darkest hours I meditate how God, my strength, is kind.
Beneath the shadow of your wing, I live and feel secure;
and daily as I follow close, your right hand keeps me sure.*

John L. Bell

Benediction

*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.*

Organ: Veni Creator en Taille à 5

Nicolas de Grigny