

ORDER OF SERVICE – 13 June 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 13 June 2021 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time at bit.ly/greyfriarstv.

You cannot really hear what the Bible stories are saying
until you hear them as stories about yourself.

Alan Watts (1915-1973)

Organ: Andantino in D flat

Henry Davan Wetton

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Hymn 189:

1. *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found -- we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*
2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight — our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*
3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
No work too hard for him — in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

David Evans

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Ruth Halley

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

Collect for the Day:

O God our defender, when storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid, rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all in our weakness, that we might trust in you, Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

The Word of God

2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10 and 14 - 17

Reader: Anne Bradbury

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4: 26 – 34

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Hymn 96 (Psalm 139):

1. *You are before me, God, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand; such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.*
2. *Then from your Spirit where, God, shall I go, and from your presence where, God, shall I fly? If I ascend to heaven, you are there, and still are with me, if in hell I lie.*
3. *If I should take my flight into the dawn, if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore, your mighty hand will rest upon me still, and your right hand will guard me evermore.*
4. *If I should say, 'Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night', surely the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as the day, the darkness light.*
5. *Search me, O God, search me and know my heart; try me, O God, my mind and spirit try; keep me from any path that gives you pain, and lead me in the everlasting way.*

Ian Pitt-Watson

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation:

We believe in God in whom is power and compassion.

*We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space,
shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.
God's power topples tyrants, and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.*

*We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land; a human being, vulnerable
to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief. He understood the power of love
and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with courage and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed lives. In his living, dying and rising again
he showed love strong enough to save the world.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts and empowers us, opens the scriptures,
opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen*

Anthem:

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured
in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Salisbury Diurnal, by G.H. Palmer

William H. Harris (1883–1973)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Richard Frazer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 182:

1. *Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
2. *Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*
3. *All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven —
the Father and the Son and Spirit — now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Martin Rinkart,
tr. Catherine Winkworth

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Veni Creator Fugue

Nicolas de Grigny