

ORDER OF SERVICE – 1 August 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 1 August 2021 – Tenth 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.

‘The Lord will be your guide continually and will satisfy your needs in the bare desert.’

Isaiah 58:11

Organ: Fantasia

Orlando Gibbons

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ken Luscombe

Hymn 52 (Psalm 84):

1. *How lovely is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace, how pleasant, Lord, they be!*
2. *My thirst soul longs vehemently, yea faints, thy courts to see:
my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.*
3. *Behold, the sparrow findeth out an house wherein to rest;
the swallow also for herself hath found her place to nest;*
4. *Ev'n thine own altars, where she safe her young ones forth may bring,
O thou almighty Lord of hosts, who art my God and King.*
5. *Blest are they in thy house who dwell, they ever give thee praise.
And blest are they whose strength thou art, in whose heart are thy ways.*

Scottish Psalter

Prayers of Approach, Confession, and Pardon: Rev Ken Luscombe

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

Ephesians 4: 1 - 16

Reader: Ken Ballantine

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord,

one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said:

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended", what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6: 24 - 35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Hymn 167:

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till my want is o'er.*
2. *Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.*
3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.*

William Williams

Sermon: Rev Ruth Halley

Affirmation of Faith:

(from the Iona Community)

*We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,
of water and earth, and of our rainbow humanity.*

*We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman's womb,
servant of the poor. He was tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows,
he died forsaken. He descended into the earth, to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will surely come.*

*We believe in God with us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting..*

Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*Praise God, the source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
praise God the Spirit, Holy flame; all glory, honour to God's name.*

Ruth C. Duck

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Ken Luscombe

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 485:

1. *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.*
2. *In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word rise up, and follow thee.*
4. *With that deep hush subduing all our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall as fell thy manna down.*
6. *Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!*

John Greenleaf Whittier

Benediction

Organ: Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang