

ORDER OF SERVICE – 11 July 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 11 July 2021 – Seventh 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.

"Preach the gospel at all times; when necessary, use words."

attr. St. Francis of Assisi

Organ: Cantilena Romantica

Thomas Dunhill

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 119:

1. *O God, thou art the Father of all that have believed;
from whom all hosts of angels have life and power received.
O God, thou art the maker of all created things,
the righteous judge of judges, the almighty King of kings.*
2. *High in the heavenly Zion thou reignest God adored;
and in the coming glory thou shalt be sovereign Lord.
Beyond our ken thou shinest, the everlasting light;
ineffable in loving, unthinkable in might.*
3. *Thou to the meek and lowly thy secrets dost unfold;
O God, thou doest all things, all things both new and old.
I walk secure and blessed in every clime or coast,
in name of God the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost.*

St Columba, *tr.* Duncan Macgregor

Prayers of approach, confession and pardon: Rev Richard Frazer

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. (*Lord, have mercy.*)

Collect for the Day:

Generous God, whose hand is open to satisfy the needs of the world and every living creature within it: make us always thankful for your loving goodness and care; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Word of God

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Reader: Catherine Alexander

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14 - 29

King Herod heard of [what Jesus and his disciples were doing], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Hymn 533:

1. *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*
4. *Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

5. *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Thomas Ken

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Richard Frazer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 718:

1. *We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.*
2. *The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.*
3. *So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.*

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Benediction

Organ: "Alles ist an Gottes Segen", Op.65

Sigfrid Karg-Elert