

ORDER OF SERVICE – 25 JULY 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 25 July 2021 – Ninth 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.

Organ: Tierce en Taille

Louis Marchand

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Hymn 543:

1. *Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*
2. *Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! . . .*
3. *Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! . . .*
4. *Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! . . .*
5. *Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*

Bernadette Farrell

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Ruth Halley

Collect for the Day: *O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever.* Amen

The Word of God

Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

Reader: Jamie Sutherland

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

John 6: 1 - 21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

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

Sermon: Rev Ruth Halley

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*

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

*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

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.

Partaking of the Elements

Hymn 661:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Taizé Community

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayer: Rev Ken Luscombe

Hymn 172:

1. *Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night, warming the earth's exultation.*
2. *Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that would blind us,
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame, reaching out gently to find us.*
3. *Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight, offering freedom's transfusion.*
4. *Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see the new creation to be, spirit of love made flesh for us.*

Kathryn Galloway

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Basse de Trompette

Louis Marchand