

ORDER OF SERVICE – 4 July 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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VISITING MINISTERS

Rev Anne Ross & Rev Philipp Ross



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 4 July 2021 – Sixth 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.

Today we say farewell to Anne and Philipp Ross and their children, Kolja, Adele and Pina. We have so enjoyed their company over these last two years and have benefitted from their ministry with us. We wish them well as they return to Germany and take up their ministries there. We hope that they will stay in touch and visit us soon.

Just as we have a leave taking, so also, this morning, we welcome three people for baptism along with their families. John Holleyman is the son of our Communications Co-ordinator Enid and her husband Taylor Holleyman, Ray Walker is the son of Bob and Miyoko Walker, and Miyoko herself will be baptised at this service. We welcome them all with love and joy at this important moment.

Please remember that we have an open invitation to share a picnic lunch in the Kirk Yard immediately after the service this morning at which we can all spend some time together.

'I wish her a blessed curiosity that leads to discovery on all levels: the discovery of nature, of words, of music, and the possibilities of love and friendship.'

'Wishes for a godchild', Joyce Grenfell (1910-1979)

Gathering Music: Sonata K 513

Domenico Scarlatti
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 124:

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;
come all who hear, into his presence draw near, joining in glad adoration..*
2. *Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently but firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted by God's wise ordaining?*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do: God will for ever befriend you.*
4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly for ever adore him.*

Joachim Neander, *tr.* *Catherine Winkworth

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Richard Frazer

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

Romans 6: 1 - 10

Reader: Colin Graham

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus..

Mark 10: 13 - 16

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Conversation and farewell to Philipp and Anne Ross and their children

Affirmation of Faith:

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

Anthem: The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joyes in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Baptism of Ray Torrance Usui Walker, Miyoko Usui Walker, and John "Jack" Dewitt Watkins Holleyman

The Blessing

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Congregational Commitment

Do you welcome Ray, Miyoko, and Jack, and do you renew your commitment, with God's help, to live before all children in a kindly, encouraging and Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ?

We do. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, and encourage one another in service.

Pastoral Prayer: Revs Philipp and Anne Ross

The Lord's Prayer

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

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: Prelude and Fugue in E major

J. K. F. Fischer