

ORDER OF SERVICE – 15 August 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



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TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 15 August 2021 – Twelfth 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: Variation 1, from Partita on "Christ, der du bist der helle Tag", BWV 766 J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: *his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

All: *let the humble hear and be glad.*

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: *and let us exalt his name together.*

Hymn 154:

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art, how great thou art!'
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:.
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Russian, tr. Stuart K. Hine

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Ruth Halley

(including a time of silence)

Collect for the day: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

1 Kings 2: 10 – 12

Reader: Laura Dunlop

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Ephesians 5: 15 – 20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 16 (Psalm 23):

Brother James's Air

1. *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*
2. *My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.*
3. *Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*
4. *My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*
5. *Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.*

Scottish Psalter

John 6: 51 – 58

Jesus said 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Music for Reflection

Iona Boat Song

From the falter of breath, through the silence of death, to the wonder that's breaking beyond,
God has woven a way, unapparent by day, for all those of whom heaven is fond.

From frustration and pain, through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known;

Christ has gone where we fear and has vowed to be near on the journey we make on our own.

From the dimming of light, through the darkness of night, to the glory of goodness above;
God the Spirit is sent to ensure heaven's intent is embraced and completed in love.

From today till we die, through all questioning why, to the place from which time and tide flow;
angels tread on our dreams, and magnificent themes of heaven's promise are echoed below.

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth, whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.*

Pastoral prayer: Rev Richard Frazer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 465:

1. *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own I would be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*
5. *High King of Heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

Ancient Irish, tr. Mary Byrne

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: Variation 7, from Partita on "Christ, der du bist der helle Tag", BWV 766

J.S. Bach