

ORDER OF SERVICE – 29 AUGUST 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MINISTER: Rev Dr Richard Frazer

Following this morning's 3 Churches Herstory urban pilgrimage, worship will be led by:

Ruth Halley and Angela McSeveney (Greyfriars Kirk)

Fiona Bennett and Harriet Davidson (Augustine UC)

Jenny Paton-Williams and Mary Moffett (St Columba's by the Castle)



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 29 August 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Wisdom's invitation

A Litany of Wisdom and Folly

Hymn 118:

Tune: Blauenwern

1. *Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the world awakened; you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.*
2. *Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of life, and Death of death,
risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.*
3. *Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.
Labour with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,
free from status and division, free for love and unity.*

Ruth C. Duck

The Word of God

James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7: 1-8

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Reflection

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 604:

Tune: Beach Spring

1. *Holy wisdom, lamp of learning, bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit joined in deepest unity.*
2. *Vine of truth, in you we flourish; by your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us shape our life, your will to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying, may we help the Church convey
witness to the saving gospel, bearing fruit of faith today.*
3. *Holy God, the hope of nations, tune us to your righteous will,
as the symphony of ages claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm, that God's praise be ever heard.*

Ruth C. Duck

Holy Communion / Eucharist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The Angels' Song: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Give us the seeds of joy.

All: *Give us the seeds of joy.*

Leader: Give us the signs of hope.

All: *Give us the signs of hope.*

Leader: Give us the passion of righteousness.

All: *Give us the passion of righteousness.*

Leader: Give us the tools of truth.

All: *Give us the tools of truth.*

Leader: Give us the courage of perseverance.

All: *Give us the courage of perseverance.*

The Lord's Prayer:

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*God in heaven, your name is to be honoured. May your new community of hope
be realised on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the essentials of life. Release us from
our wrongdoing as we also release those who wrong us. Do not test us beyond our means,
save us from all that is evil; for you embrace justice, love and peace, now and to the end of
time.* Amen

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

All: *have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

All: *have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

All: *grant us peace.*

Partaking of the Elements

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

All: *and also with you.*

Tune: Ae Fond Kiss

Hymn 786:

*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.*

Benediction