

ORDER OF SERVICE – 8 August 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 8 August 2021 – Eleventh 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.

'Here I stand knocking at the door; if any one hears my voice
and opens the door, I will come in and he and I will eat together.'

Revelation 3: 20

Organ: "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier", BWV 730

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Hymn 160:

1. *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.*
2. *Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.*
3. *Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him! widely as his mercy flows.*
4. *Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the high eternal One.*
5. *Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.*

Henry Francis Lyte

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Ruth Halley

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the richness of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2

Reader: Angela McSeveney

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6: 35, 41 – 51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.'

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

Hymn 527:

- 1 *Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love;
 where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.*
2. *Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
 where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.*
4. *May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly,
 for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.*
5. *Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day;
 Lord, make us servants of your peace to wake at last in heaven's light.*

James Quinn

Sermon: Gillian Couper, Parish Associate

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

Interview: Gillian Couper & Eilidh Jones, student intern at the Grassmarket Community Project.

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

Pastoral Prayer: Rev Ruth Halley

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 685:

1. *For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*
2. *For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.*
4. *For just and unjust a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.*
5. *For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

Shirley Elena Murray

Benediction

Organ: Toccata in A minor

Jan Sweelinck