

ORDER OF SERVICE – 12 September 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 12 September 2021 – Sixteenth 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.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12: 12

Song: Von guten Mächten wunderbar geborgen

(to Finlandia)

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to meet us each new day.

Yet are our hearts by their old foe tormented; still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when the cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it gladly, trusting though with trembling, out of so good and so beloved a hand.

If once again, in this mixed world, you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall recall what we have learned through sorrow, and dedicate our lives to you alone.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

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, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my wisdom, and 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.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

8th c. Irish, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

*Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us
so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

Reader: Jo Elliot

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3: 21 – 22

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 10: 13 – 16

People were bringing little children to him 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.*

Sermon

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 636:

(to Bunessan)

1. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.*
2. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.*
3. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

Michael Saward

(over)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Baptism of Willa Rae Weber-Steinhaus

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

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 Willa, 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

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 532:

1. *Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water, at your side I will seek other shores.*
2. *Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?*
3. *Lord, take my hand, and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.*
4. *Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.*

Cesáreo Gabaráin, tr. Robert Trupia

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Prelude, from the Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier