

ORDER OF SERVICE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



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TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 19 September 2021 – Seventeenth 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: Suite in D

John Stanley

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Hymn 83 (Psalm 122):

1. *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to the house of God.'
And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.*
2. *Like a temple of unity is the city, Jerusalem.
It is there all tribes will gather, all the tribes of the house of God.*
3. *It is faithful to Israel's law, there to praise the name of God.
All the judgment seats of David were set down in Jerusalem.*
4. *For the peace of all nations, pray: for God's peace within your homes.
May God's lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem.*
5. *For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace.
For the love of God's own people I will labour and pray for you.*

Bernadette Farrell

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Rev Ruth Halley

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and made us in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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

James 3: 13 to 4: 3

Reader: Leslie Munro

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first

pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Mark 9: 30 – 37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

Hymn 540:

Tune: Kingsfold

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*
2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*
3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.*

Horatius Bonar

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Anthem:

For you, the pride from my heart is banished;
for you, false dreams from my eyes have vanished;
for you, vain glory I leave admiring, endless ambition I cease desiring.

Now is my soul calm from all its testing, like a weaned child on her mother resting.
May all who hear join such celebrating. Wait for the Lord: God is worth our waiting.

Affirmation of Faith: *We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky. Born of Mary's womb, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. He died, but transformed even death, and rose to life so that he might journey with us. He blessed his disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to his mission in the world, by the grace of the Holy Spirit.* Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer

Adoramus te, Domine Deus. Adoramus te, Domine Deus.

Adoramus te, adoramus te, adoramus te.

(Lord God, we adore you.)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 106 (Psalms 149, 150):

1. *Bring to the Lord a glad new song, children of grace extol your king;
worship and praise to God belong — to instruments of music, sing!
Let those be warned who spurn God's name, let rulers all obey God's word;
for justice shall bring tyrants shame: let every creature praise the Lord!*
2. *Sing praise within these hallowed walls, worship beneath the dome of heaven;
by cymbals' sounds and trumpets' calls let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind rejoice — then, join our song in full accord
all living things with breath and voice: let every creature praise the Lord!*

Michael Arnold Perry

Benediction

Amen

Organ: "Festival"

Healey Willan