

ORDER OF SERVICE – 10 OCTOBER 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 10 October 2021 – Twentieth 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.

If we belong to Christ, it is all God's doing;
it is God also who has set his seal upon us,
and given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

2 Cor. 1: 21-22

Organ: Alla Pastorella, No.2 from Eight Short Interludes

Eric Thiman

Welcome and Call to Worship: Jamie Sutherland

Hymn 166:

1. *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
2. *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
3. *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*
4. *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Jan Struther

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Jamie Sutherland

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; 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

Amos 5: 6-7 and 10-15

Reader: Alison Noble

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins — you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph

Mark 10: 17 - 31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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

Hymn 54 (Psalm 90):

1. *Lord, you have always been our home through every generation known;
before the hills or earth were made you are the eternal God alone.*
2. *From dust we came, to dust return, for in your clear eternal sight
a thousand years pass as a day or as a few hours in the night.*
4. *Teach us to value life's brief span, and let our minds be truly wise.
'How long, O Lord, till you return?' In mercy hear your servants' cries.*
5. *At each day's dawning, make us glad; fill us with your love all our days;
and we will sing aloud for joy and offer you our lifelong praise.*

Sermon: Gillian Couper

Anthem:

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10: 15, in The Messiah

Georg Friederich Händel

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

Dedication of the Offering

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration: Gillian Couper

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 253:

1. *Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias, we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'*
2. *From those for ever victims of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?'*
4. *To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
we offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:
'When will the wrongs be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?'*
5. *God asks, 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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: Prelude and Fugue in C major, from the Short Eight Preludes and Fugues

J.S. Bach