

ORDER OF SERVICE – 17 OCTOBER 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 October 2021 – Twenty-first 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: Andante Tranquillo, from Five Short Pieces

Percy Whitlock

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 153:

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided – great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*
2. *Summer and winter, seed time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*
3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

Thomas Chisholm

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

Job 38: 1 – 7 and 34 – 41

Reader: Leslie Munro

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, "Here we are"? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling

together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

Mark 10: 35 – 45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

Hymn 33 (from Psalms 42-43):

*As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

1. *Athirst my soul for you, the God who is my life!
When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God?*
2. *Echoes meet as deep is calling unto deep,
over my head, all your mighty waters, sweeping over me.*
3. *Continually the foe delights in taunting me:
'Where is God, where is your God?' Where, O where are you?*
4. *Defend me, God, send forth your light and your truth.
They will lead me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.*
5. *Then shall I go unto the altar of my God.
Praising you, O my joy and gladness: I shall praise your name.*

Bob Hurd

Sermon

Anthem:

(from Five Mystical Songs)

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin. But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lack'd anything.

"A guest," I answer'd, "Worthy to be here:" Love said, "You shall be he." "I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee." Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, "Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve." "And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?" "My dear, then I will serve." "You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat:" So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

R. Vaughan Williams

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God in whom is power and compassion.

*We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space,
shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.
God's power topples tyrants, and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.*

*We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land; a human being, vulnerable
to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief. He understood the power of love
and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with courage and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed lives. In his living, dying and rising again
he showed love strong enough to save the world.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts and empowers us, opens the scriptures,
opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness.*

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.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration

*Come to me, come to me, weak and heavy laden;
trust in me, lean on me, I will give you rest.*

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 565:

1. *My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation;
I catch the sweet, though far off, hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*
2. *Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul — how can I keep from singing?*
3. *What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Saviour, liveth.
What though the darkness round me close? Songs in the night he giveth.*
4. *The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine, since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*

Robert Lowry and Doris Plenn

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters