

ORDER OF SERVICE – 24 OCTOBER 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ken Luscombe
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 24 October 2021 – Twenty-second 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.

“For we cannot do anything against the truth,
but only for the truth”

2 Corinthians 13:8

Organ: Serenade

Derek Bourgeois (1941-2017)

Welcome and Call to Worship: Richard Frazer

Hymn 128:

1. *How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?*
2. *Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.*
3. *How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.*

John Mason

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Richard Frazer

Collect for the Day:

In these our days, days of heartbreak and horror, help us, O God of the clear air of the mountain tops, to be still and know you, trust you, and follow you. When we have not touched you but trampled you in creation, when we have not met you but missed you in one another, when we have not received you but rejected you in the poor, forgive us and have mercy, through Christ our friend.

Amen

The Word of God

2 Corinthians 13: 5 - 10

Reader: Tori Graham

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

Matthew 19: 13 - 15

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

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

Anthem:

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Iona Gloria

Sermon: Richard Frazer

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*

Hymn 27 (Psalm 34):

1. *I will always bless the Lord, praise his name and love his word.
Humble folk will fill with joy, as in God I glory.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*
2. *When I prayed, God answered me, from my fears he set me free:
none who trust God's faithful love shall be disappointed
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

3. *Taste and see that God is good, know your yearnings understood,
find your true security, be God's holy people.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*
4. *Even lions suffer need, hunger when they long to feed;
yet for those who wait on God, good will not be lacking
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

John L. Bell

The Baptism of Elliot James David Gregson

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 Elliot, 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration: Gillian Couper

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

1. *Lord, your loving hand is seen in all that you have made so well;
O'er the hills the eagle soars with grace that words can never tell.
Deep within our soul we sense you like our pulse, so very near;
The hands that we hold in life shall chase away our fear.
Yet this world is full of scars and many painful tears are shed,
So we ask your Spirit now to show the paths that we should tread.*
2. *Lead us now to cherish what we have instead of wanting more.
Fire us with that love that Jesus had, who always blessed the poor.
Bend our wills to plough the soil and serve all life by Holy Law.
As we seek to explain the world, fill all our minds with awe.
And help us hear anew the prophet's wise and timely word,
Living justly, loving mercy and humbly seeking God.*

Richard Frazer
Amen

Benediction

Organ: Edinburgh Fanfare

Francis Jackson (1917)