

ORDER OF SERVICE – 21 NOVEMBER 2021

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 21 Nov 2021 – Christ the King

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.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9: 15

Organ: Méditation

Maurice Duruflé

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

1. *God the Father of Creation, source of life and energy,
your creative love so shapes us that we share your liberty.
Teach us how to use this freedom loving children all to be.*
2. *Jesus Christ our Lord and brother, in your cross we see the way
to be servants for each other, caring, suffering every day.
Teach us patience and obedience never from your path to stray.*
3. *Holy Spirit, love that binds us to the Father and the Son,
giver of the joy that fills us, yours the peace that makes us one,
teach our hearts to be more open as we pray 'God's will be done.'*
4. *Members of our Saviour's body, here on earth his life to be,
though we stand as different people, may we share the unity
of the Father, Son and Spirit, perfect love in Trinity.*

Iain D. Cunningham

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Jo Elliot

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Genesis 1: 26 - 31

Reader: Amelia Wallace

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Romans 12: 4 - 8

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

Sermon: Gillian Couper

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

Hymn 497:

1. *Almighty Father of all things that be, our life, our work, we consecrate to thee,
whose heavens declare thy glory from above, whose earth below is witness to thy love.*
4. *Thou dost the strength to worker's arm impart; from thee the skilled musician's mystic art,
the grace of poet's pen or painter's hand to teach the loveliness of sea or land.*
5. *Then grant us, Lord, in all things thee to own, to dwell within the shadow of thy throne,
to speak and work, to think, and live, and move, reflecting thine own nature which is love.*
6. *That so, by Christ redeemed from sin and shame,
and hallowed by thy Spirit's cleansing flame,
ourselves, our work, and all our powers may be a sacrifice acceptable to thee.*

Ernest Dugmore

Dedication of the Offering

*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, praise be done;
may Christ the Lord upon us pour the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.*

Stewardship - Questions and Answers: Gillian Couper and Jo Elliot

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration: Catherine Alexander

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 622:

1. *We sing a love that sets all people free, that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear: come, living love, live in our hearts today.*
2. *We sing a love that seeks another's good, that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new: come, caring love, live in our hearts today.*
3. *We sing a love unflinching, unafraid to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed: come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.*
4. *We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed: come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.*
5. *We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love, who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ: come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.*

June Boyce-Tillman

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Short Prelude and Fugue in G major

J.S. Bach