

ORDER OF SERVICE – 22 MAY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 22 May 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

Without God who can eat with enjoyment? He gives wisdom and knowledge and joy.

Ecclesiastes 2: 25 - 26

Organ: Verset No.4, Andante religioso

William Lloyd Webber

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: People of God, hear the stories of our faith.

All: *We come, ready to listen.*

Leader: People of God, celebrate the risen Christ.

All: *We come, ready to worship.*

Leader: People of God, enter into the future of God's good creating.

All: *We come, ready to play our part.*

Leader: Guided by the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

Hymn 438:

1. *The Head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.*
2. *The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal light.*
3. *The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below
to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name to know.*
4. *To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.*
5. *They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.*
6. *The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him,
his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.*

Thomas Kelly

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Supplication

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

A Time for All

Hymn 601:

1. *Look upon us, blessed Lord, take our wandering thoughts and guide us:
we have come to hear your word: with your teaching now provide us,
that, from earth's distractions turning, we your message may be learning.*
2. *For your Spirit's radiance bright we, assembled here, are hoping:
when we live without your light, in the dark our souls are groping:
in word, deed and thought direct us: only you, Lord, can correct us.*
3. *Brightness of the Father's face, Light of Light, from God proceeding,
make us ready in this place: ear and heart await your leading.
In our study, prayers, and praising, may our souls find their upraising.*

Tobias Clausnitzer,
tr. Robert Macalister

The Word of God

Acts 16: 9 - 15

Reader: Colin Graham

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

John 5: 1 - 9

There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

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

Anthem: God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer 1558

Malcolm Archer

Sermon

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

The Offering

*Now to him who loved us, gave us every pledge that love could give,
freely shed his blood to save us, gave his life that we might live,
be the kingdom, power and glory and thanksgiving evermore.*

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 707:

Beach Spring

1. *Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,
we discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.*
2. *Wellspring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring release,
as we gain our selves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your Church live out your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see our Saviour's face.*
3. *Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your power.
All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course,
till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our Source.*

Ruth C. Duck

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.* *Amen*

Hymn 352:

Richmond

1. *O for a thousand tongues, to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*
2. *Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*
3. *He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*
4. *He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*
5. *Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!*
6. *My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

*Praise God, the source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
praise God the Spirit, holy flame; all glory, honour to God's name.*

Organ: Verset No.5, Alla marcia

William Lloyd Webber

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NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 26 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 29 May	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 5 June	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

There are no refreshments after this morning's service, because of our catering after the Gaelic service for the Moderator and for other visitors from the General Assembly.

Study Service

The Study Service this week is a Bible Study on **John 18: The King in lonely sovereign control**. Throughout his trial and crucifixion, Jesus was in full control. On the face of it Jesus was put to death, but no one took his life from him, for he laid it down in love for the sheep and had power to take it up again (John 10: 15-18), that in resurrection he might raise them with him to eternal life.

If you are interested in joining this meeting (on Zoom), please visit the Study Service page on the Kirk website.

Coffee Morning

The fortnightly coffee mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre continue this Thursday, 26 May, from 10.30 am until 12 noon. Come along and join us.

Lunchtime Concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue on Thursday week, 2 June, when the Chamber Choir and soloists from George Heriot's School will present music to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Admission is free.

Weekday Visitor Opening

The Kirk is open to visitors from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm on most weekdays. In good weather we welcome about 300 visitors a day, whose donations and shop purchases are an important part of our income. Recently, however, several of the regular welcomers have become unavailable, and unless they can be replaced very soon, there will be some weekdays when the Kirk will just have to remain closed, with a serious impact on our finances.

If you can help us to avoid that by coming to the Kirk for a 4-hour shift (with a lunch break), or if two people can each take on a 2-hour shift, please contact our Operations Manager Steve Lister at 225-1900. It is very rare for visitors to ask questions! They just seem to enjoy the ambience and the atmosphere, so you need no detailed knowledge of the Kirk's history.

Guerilla Peace

The University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy and their Associate Chaplain Dr Urzula Glienecke have set up a web site <https://guerillapeaceukraine.org> to answer the call to 'Light up our hearts for Ukraine'; they invite you visit it to share the solidarity, vigilance, and hope, wherever you are in the world at any time and from anywhere.

Refresh@TheRock

Today, St Cuthbert's Church (at 5 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP) are holding an event from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm which will provide a variety of opportunities to engage and find out about what is going on in the community. Events include an ecumenical service involving Drama Kirk and the Heart & Soul Jazz Band, along with Father Vasiliy of the Ukrainian Church and the Church of Scotland's new Moderator, the Rev Iain Greenshields. In the St Cuthbert's kirkyard, local charities, social enterprises and community groups will be hosting stalls. There will be something for everyone interested in the local community!

Heartedge Event: "Re-imagining the Church"

You are invited to join a conversation this Tuesday 24 May, at St Columba's by the Castle from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm, to discuss the challenges facing the churches in Scotland with the HeartEdge founder the Rev Dr Sam Wells of St Martin in the Fields and others. For full details of this event see:

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/HEART-EDGE-FOR-WEBSITE.pdf>

CoCo Counselling Service

CoCo Counselling (www.cocoed.org.uk) along with Jay Frazer (www.jayfrazerceramics.com) are holding a Makers Market this Saturday, 28 May., to raise funds for CoCo's much-needed affordable counselling service. The market will consist of 14 traders, who are all local makers and artists.

The Market will be held from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at the newly refurbished Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, and we are expecting it to be a busy and eventful day with refreshments, music, and a silent auction with an exciting range of prizes. Please come along and join us on the day! In the meantime, our silent auction is now live and free for all to access at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/auction/coco>.

Pastoral Care and Staying in Touch

The ministry team and pastoral volunteers at the church enjoy staying in touch with folk in the congregation and community. It is great to hear how folk are getting on, share news about what is going on in the life of the community, enjoy friendship and support each other when it is needed. If you would like to chat, or you know someone that might need some help or would simply enjoy hearing from us, please do get in touch. The ministry team and elders welcoming people at the door are always happy to talk before or after Sunday Services, and will put you in touch with the pastoral team, or you can contact Gillian by email: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or by phone: 07808 472 464.

If you would like to speak to a minister, Richard or Ruth will be very pleased to hear from you too: Richard by phone on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com, or Ruth by phone on 07530 307 413 or by email at associate.minister@greyfriarskirk.com.