

ORDER OF SERVICE – 8 MAY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 8 May 2022 – Fourth 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.

Look after the flock of God whose shepherds you are. So when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive glory, a crown that never fades. 1 Peter 5: 2, 4

Organ: Méditation, from Suite Médiévale

Jean Langlais

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: The Word of God to people young and old:

All: *Get up! Rise up!*

Leader: The Word of God to weary disciples and to prophets:

All: *Get up! Rise up!*

Leader: The Word of God to those who dream dreams:

All: *Get up! Rise up!*

Leader: For now, is the time to celebrate the risen Christ.

All: *Now is the time to worship.*

Hymn 623:

1. *Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*
2. *We are the young – our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*
3. *Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*
4. *Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all people together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Marty Haugen

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: *God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of an eternal covenant, make us perfect in goodness so that we may do your will; and create in us what is pleasing to you; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen

Hymn 510:

1. *Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.*
2. *Jesus calls us to confess him Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness, saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.*
3. *Jesus calls us to each other, vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

The Word of God

Acts 9: 36 - 43

Reader: Jamie Sutherland

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10: 22 - 30

The festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never

perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

Anthem:

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Psalm 119: 33

Thomas Attwood

Sermon

The Offering

*All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son and Spirit, now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Prayer of Dedication

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 519:

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
3. *Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Organ: Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

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NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 12 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 15 May	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol
Sunday 22 May	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Assembly Service, with the Moderator.

Stated Annual Meeting

Today we are holding the Stated Annual Meeting of the Kirk at 12.15 pm, immediately after the morning service, upstairs in the Session Room. After an opportunity for questions, the meeting will be asked to adopt the audited accounts of the charity which you can see by following this link:

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/GRE510-2021-accounts.pdf>

Refreshments

With the easing of social restrictions, we are now able to offer biscuits and tea or coffee after our Sunday Service, hoping that this will be a welcome opportunity for those who feel comfortable and able to attend. There is plenty of room for social distancing, with tables and chairs set out appropriately, and face coverings can be removed when seated.

Study Service

The Study Service meets (by Zoom) on two Sunday evenings each month. This Sunday, it will be a Bible Study on **John 17: Christ's inner glory in the Trinity**. While we cannot see the glory of Christ in a visible way, this chapter on Jesus' prayer to the Father gives us the best insight into it and his relation as Son with the Father. Christ became man that the glory he had **as God**, he might now have **as man** in order to share it with us. Still hidden, this glory underlaid his life on earth and means eternal life, but it cannot be revealed till he comes in the glory of his kingdom.

Coffee Mornings

Regrettably, there cannot be a Coffee Morning this Thursday (12 May), so the next one will be on 26 May. Please join us at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre from 10.30 am until 12 noon.

Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon on Thursday week, 19 May, with a recital by Anne de Putter (soprano) and Aidan Horner (piano). Admission is free.

Guerrilla 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.

Gardens in and around Trinity

Members of Wardie Parish Church invite us to visit their gardens on Saturday and Sunday 14 and 15 May, in aid of Christian Aid week. Some of them will also offer refreshments, and plant sales. For the garden addresses and other details, see:

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Open-Gardens-May-2022.pdf>

Refresh@TheRock

On Sunday 22 May, 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 on Tuesday 24 May, at St Columba's by the Castle from 12.30 pm to 2 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>

Church Service Society: Annual Lecture and Dinner

The Church Service Society was founded in 1865 by the Rev Robert Lee and others for the study of liturgy. On Tuesday 24 May, in Assembly week, the annual lecture for its members will take place here in Greyfriars, followed by a dinner. The food is prepared by our caterers, but they would welcome a few extra volunteers to help them to set, serve, and clear up afterwards. If you can be available from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm that day, or for part of that time, please call the Kirk office (225 1900) and let them pass your details to the catering team. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

On Saturday 28 May **CoCo Counselling** will be holding a Makers Market to raise funds for their much in demand affordable counselling service.

The market will be held at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre in the Pleasance and will consist of 12 to 14 traders, all local makers and artists organised by Jay Frazer. There will be refreshments, live music and a silent auction where people can bid for a range of prizes that we are in the process of sourcing.

If you would like to help, we are looking for baking contributions as well as prizes for the silent auction. These can be in the form of a gift item, or a skill you are able to offer. Please call Kate on 07846-253905, or contact us on info@cocoed.org.uk.

By supporting us in this way, you will be helping to ensure that counselling is accessible to all, regardless of their ability to pay. We look forward to hearing from you.

The CoCo team

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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.