

ORDER OF SERVICE – 26 June 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 26 June 2022 – Third 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.

'As close as breath you are. The mystery of your being so intimate, so strange.
A silken veil obscuring vision; a compelling luminescence that will not be solved.'

Carla Grosch-Miller

Organ: Variation 8, from Partita on "Jesu meine Freude"

J. G. Walther

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev 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

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Draw near to us, we pray, O God, that we might find you in the small places where you come to dwell; in the life of this Christian community, in our own lives, and in the life of the world. And find us wherever we are, in our joys and in our struggles, in our life together and our life on our own; find us there and give us what we need this day to live as your disciples and to love this world for Jesus' sake, until your kingdom comes. We pray through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Psalm 37

version by Carla Grosch-Miller

This is the promise: awakened and patient love leads to abundant life. Envy not the prosperity of the greedy and self-centred. Self-satisfaction is shallow. Moth and rust consume treasure. The heart shrinks as wealth grows; 'enough' eludes. Grief comes to the rich and the poor, but joy escapes the grasp of those who put their trust in riches. Turn instead towards the Source. Place your trust in the Eternal. Persevere in doing right; delight in dependence on friends. Give generously. Share gratefully. Rest in the evening with ease.

The years pass. One seldom sees the fruits of one's labours; seeds sown produce a harvest uncounted by the hand of the sower. Give thanks for the sowing without thought for the harvest. In times of sorrow, accept consolation. Peace is not far off. In times of travail, wait patiently. Strength for the day will come. In times of struggle, wrestle whole-heartedly. Prayer is heard. Listen. Those who turn their hearts towards the Holy are not disappointed. Contentment is theirs. In simplicity is wisdom and peace.

Hymn 52 (Psalm 84):

1. *How lovely is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace, how pleasant, Lord, they be!*
2. *My thirsty soul longs vehemently, yea faints, thy courts to see:
my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.*
3. *Behold, the sparrow findeth out an house wherein to rest;
the swallow also for herself hath found her place to nest;*
4. *Ev'n thine own altars, where she safe her young ones forth may bring,
O thou almighty Lord of hosts, who art my God and King.*
5. *Blest are they in thy house who dwell, they ever give thee praise.
And blest are they whose strength thou art, in whose heart are thy ways.*

Scottish Psalter

Luke 9: 51 - 62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

*We are God's work of art – each one of us a precious gem, a marvellous melody,
a potter's delight.*

*We are God's handiwork – woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.*

*We are the church of Jesus Christ – diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with
all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.*

*We are the Body of Christ – living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope,
embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.*

*We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives
are about. We are here to be uplifted, renewed, and empowered to live out
the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us.*

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

Amen

Dedication of the Offering

*Glory to God the Father, the unbegotten one; all honour be to Jesus, his sole-begotten Son;
and to the Holy Spirit – the perfect Trinity. Let all the worlds give answer, 'Amen, so let it be.'*

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 685:

1. *For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*
2. *For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.*
3. *For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands kind and wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.*

Shirley Elena Murray

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Confidence, Op.19 No 4

Felix Mendelssohn
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 685:

5. *For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.*

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

Shirley Elena Murray

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Overture in a late Classical style

John Riley

(over)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 30 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 3 July	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 10 July	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

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 (if worn) can be removed when seated.

Study Service

The service this evening is a Bible Study on **John 19, Jesus of Nazareth: KING OF THE JEWS.** *On the face of it Jesus was put to death, but no one took his life from him, for he laid it down in utter love for the sheep and had power to take it again (John 10.15-18), that in resurrection he might raise them with him to eternal life.*

The Study Service meets by Zoom from 7 pm to 8.30 pm; for the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 1.00 pm this Thursday, 30 June, with a recital by Hugh Mackay (cello) and Junyan Chen (piano). Admission is free.

Weekday Visitor Opening – Volunteers needed!

The Kirk is open to visitors from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm on most weekdays during the summer. In good weather we welcome about 300 visitors a day, whose donations and shop purchases are an important part of our income. But keeping the place open depends on our friendly and loyal team of welcomers, who enjoy meeting our visitors from around the world and helping them enjoy the ambience and the atmosphere – detailed questions about the building and our history are rare. If you feel you could take on a regular 4 hour shift (with break for lunch) or a 2 hour half shift please contact our Operations Manager Steve Lister at 225-1900. And Bert Hutchings will be happy to chat about what's involved.

Parking

Parking for our Sunday services is always a challenge in central Edinburgh, more so since parking charges now apply locally from 12.30 pm on a Sunday and this may constrain people from enjoying a cup of tea or whatever at the back of the church after the morning service. One solution might be to break with tradition and bring forward the start time of the Sunday morning service; but before consulting on that more radical change it would be helpful to know whether parking is in fact a problem or whether the limited parking that we have in the kirkyard, and other transport alternatives, are in fact satisfactory. Jo Elliot would be grateful for views, on sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com or 07712 488802.

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.

Also, this Tuesday, 28 June, is **Ukrainian Constitution Day**, and the Chaplaincy will hold a vigil at 5.00 pm in George Square, to share solidarity, vigilance and hope for Ukraine, like many others in Scotland and around the world; all are welcome to this event.

News Items

On the Kirk web site at <https://greyfriarskirk.com/community-notes>, below the orders of service there is now a section "OTHER NEWS" with items of interest for which there may not be space in our Sunday order.

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.