

ORDER OF SERVICE – 29 MAY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 29 May 2022 – Sunday after Ascension

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.

Organ: Fantasie in F major
(with Alison Gregson, clarinet)

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 436:

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!
2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:
3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
Death is by the cross defeated, sinners justified:
4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:
5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

Michael Saward

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you have raised your only Son to the right hand of your glory, and bestowed on him the name above all names. Assure us that as he reigns with you in heaven so he abides with us on earth to the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and is glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

Acts 1: 1 – 11

Reader: Alison Noble

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Hymn 17 (Psalm 23):

1. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
His goodness shall follow me always to the end of my days.*
2. *He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.*
3. *You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.*
4. *Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*
5. *To the Father and Son give glory, give glory to the Spirit.
To God who is, who was, and who will be for ever and ever.
His goodness shall follow me always to the end of my days.*

Joseph Gelineau

Luke 24: 44 – 53

Then Jesus said to the eleven, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Anthem:

Above him stood the seraphim, and one cried unto another, and said unto another:
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6: 2 – 3

Richard Dering

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

Hyfrydol

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;

alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 445:

3. *Alleluia, bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

4. *Alleluia, King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.*

William Dix

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.

Partaking of the Elements

Music for Reflection: Sonata E.O. 20 Longo VIII, 375

Domenico Scarlatti
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 458:

Cuddesdon

1. *At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of Glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*
2. *Brothers, sisters, name him with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.*
3. *In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
let his grace support you in temptation's hour,
and his will enfold you in its light and power.*
4. *In his Father's glory Christ shall come again,
angel hosts proclaiming his return to reign.
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.*

Caroline Maria Noel

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

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NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 2 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 5 June	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 12 June	11.00 am: Morning Worship, with a visiting choir from St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas 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.

Coffee Morning

The fortnightly coffee mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre will continue on Thursday week, 9 June, from 10.30 am until 12 noon. Come along and join us.

Lunchtime Concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue this Thursday, 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.

Songs of Praise

All are warmly invited to a Songs of Praise recording of hymns and songs at Canongate Kirk, 153 Canongate, Edinburgh EH8 8BN on Friday week, 10 June, from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

To apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv, including 'Songs of Praise Edinburgh' in your subject line. Alternatively, you can call the Songs of Praise team on 07734 030 888 to book your tickets. They would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you know that you will be able to come.

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.

Fundraising Concert for Ukraine

There will be a concert in the Kirk at 4.00 pm on Sunday 12 June by the Trio Ecosaise, to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee's Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine. For more details follow this link: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/ukraine-fundraiser-concert/> to the Events Calendar on the Kirk web site, and to donate to the Appeal follow this link: <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/1971649/> Thank you for your support!

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.