

ORDER OF SERVICE – 17 JULY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 July 2022 – Sixth 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.

Organ: Fugue, from Veni Creator suite

Nicolas de Grigny

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 189:

1. *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found — we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*
2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight — our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*
3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
No work too hard for him — in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

David Evans

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 132:

1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
2. *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, not wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
3. *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

Walter Chalmers Smith

The Word of God

Amos 8: 1 - 12

Reader: Anne Bradbury

This is what the Lord God showed me — a basket of summer fruit. He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord God; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!'

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Colossians 1: 15 - 28

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Anthem: O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name.
From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes his mercies known:
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

Psalm 113: 1, 3

Christopher Tye

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

Dedication of the Offering

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Pastoral Prayer

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 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

Dismissal and Blessing

Amen

Organ: En Taille, from Veni Creator

Nicolas de Grigny

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 21 July	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 24 July	11.00 am: Morning Worship with Holy Baptism 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 31 July	11.00 am: Holy Communion 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.

Refugio

Our Sunday evening reflective service of Holy Communion with silence and symbol will resume after the summer, at 7.00 pm on Sunday 18 September.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The next Greyfriars lunchtime concert, at 12 noon on Thursday 28 July, will be a piano recital by Jill Morton. Admission is free.

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.

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.