

ORDER OF SERVICE – 24 JULY 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 24 July 2022 – Seventh 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: Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: God, our Creator, calls us to this place.

All: *Hallowed be God's name!*

Leader: God our Father and Mother, who loves us and cares for us, calls us to this place.

All: *Hallowed be God's name!*

Leader: God our Shepherd, who guides us and leads us, calls us to this place.

All: *Hallowed be God's name!*

Leader: God our Redeemer, who watches over everything, calls us to this place.

All: *Hallowed be God's name!*

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

Collect for the Day:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Dialogue with Pastor Shane Isner from Montgomery, Alabama

Hymn 473:

1. *'Thy kingdom come!' — on bended knee the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.*
2. *But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.*
3. *And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:*
4. *The day in whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might, and every hurt be healed:*
5. *When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad,
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.*

Frederick Lucian Hosmer

The Word of God

Colossians 2: 6 - 15

Reader: Bert Hutchings

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Luke 11: 1 - 13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

Anthem: Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

(This place is God's handiwork, sacred beyond measure; it is above reproach.)

Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

Anton Bruckner

Sermon

The Offering

*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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 636:

Bunessan

1. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.*
2. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.*
3. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

Michael Saward

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Amen

The Baptism of Roseanna and Elisabeth Roy

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be
gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Congregational Commitment:

Do you welcome Roseanna and Elisabeth, and do you renew your commitment, with God's help, to live before all children in a kindly, encouraging and Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ?

All: *We do. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, and encourage one another in service.*

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 532:

1. *Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.*
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water, at your side I will seek other shores.
2. *Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth.*
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?
3. *Lord, take my hands, and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,*
returning love for the love you gave me.
4. *Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,*
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

Cesáreo Gabaráin, tr. Robert Trupia

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Toccata

Léon Boëllmann

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 28 July	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 31 July	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 7 August	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

This morning we welcome Nicola and Ted Roy, with their friends and family, for the baptism of their daughters Roseanna and Elisabeth.

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.

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.

Study Service

The Study Service this Sunday is a Bible Study on ***John 20: the resurrection's revelation of the cross's mystery***. On Easter morning, Jesus sent a message to the disciples via Mary Magdalene "*I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God*". He did not need to ascend to God to be with him, for his whole life was lived in the Father's intimate presence. Was the message simply using the language of the Hebrew Day of Atonement (when the high priest went up to the holy of holies to meet God, make atonement, and come back with the blessing of peace) to reveal that on the cross and in the resurrection Jesus had made atonement, reconciled us to God, and on Easter evening come back with the blessing of peace, or forgiveness, from God?

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.

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 488 802.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre

See overleaf for the Binks Hall in the newly-refurbished Charteris Centre in the Pleasance.

Pilgrimage Walk – Save the Date – Sunday 21 August

To celebrate the summer we are planning a pilgrimage walk at Dunbar with our ecumenical partners at Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle. We will gather at 9.30 am in George IV Bridge on Sunday 21 August, and coaches will take us to the Dunbar East Links for a circular walk in the John Muir Country Park, with reflections along the way from our ministers on the John Muir theme. The coaches will then take us to Dunbar Parish Church for a picnic lunch (bring your own picnic). There will be alternative non-walking activities in Dunbar, but culminating in the same picnic. We should be back in Edinburgh by 4.00 pm.

The cost will be £10 per head.

Please secure your place by phoning Ellen McFadzen in the Kirk office on 0131 225 1900 or emailing her at communications@greyfriarskirk.com.

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.

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.



The Binks Hall, Greyfriars Charteris Centre

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