

ORDER OF SERVICE – 14 AUGUST 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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GREYFRIARS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 August 2022 – Tenth 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: Fantasia super "Jesu, meine Freude", BWV 713

J. S. Bach

Organ Introit: Fantasia

Orlando Gibbons

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: Are you ready?

All: *Every day can be a banquet!*

Leader: Are you ready?

All: *Every day can be a homecoming*

Leader: Are you ready?

All: *for friendship, for community, for wholeness.*

Leader: Are we ready to welcome our God?

All: *Let us come together to worship.*

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

Intimation

Call to Prayer and "Footprints" activity

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 718:

1. *We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.*
2. *The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.*
3. *So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

The Word of God

Hebrews 11: 29 to 12: 2

Reader: Rebecca Grant

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Anthem:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the third Sunday after Epiphany

Orlando Gibbons

Luke 12: 49 - 56

Jesus said 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

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

Hymn 598:

- 1 *Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.*
2. *Come Holy Ghost, for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke;
unlock the truth, thyself the key: unseal the sacred book.*
3. *Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.*
4. *God through himself we then shall know, if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.*

Charles Wesley

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

(Iona Community)

*We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn, In the waiting and uncertainty where
courage and fear join hands, conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.*

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

*We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action,
into vulnerability, and into the streets.*

*We commit ourselves to work for change, and put ourselves on the line,
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge, to choose life
and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.*

Amen

The Offering

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth, whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration: Catherine Alexander

Hymn 125:

1. *Lord of all being, throned afar, thy glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of every sphere, yet to each loving heart how near!*
2. *Sun of our life, thy quickening ray sheds on our path the glow of day;
star of our hope, thy softened light cheers the long watches of the night.*
3. *Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn, our noontide is thy gracious dawn,
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign; all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.*
4. *Lord of all life, below, above, whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy ever-blazing throne we ask no lustre of our own.*
5. *Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim one holy light, one heavenly flame.*

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Trumpet Voluntary in D

John Stanley

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 18 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 21 August	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 28 August	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

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.

Study Service

The topic of this evening's Study Service, completing our study of John, is ***John 21: The risen Jesus by the lake***. John 21 is astonishing in detail. Here is Jesus, risen from the dead, in the most unexpected of places, making himself present to the disciples in the most unforgettable way. In supreme love for Peter, he recommissions him, making him fully aware that in doing so three times, his denial of Jesus is now in the past. To this story, we can only add the concluding words of John from the book of Revelation "Amen, come Lord Jesus".

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 popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue this Thursday, 18 August, with a soprano recital by Louise Martyn. Admission is free.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Throughout August, there will be about twenty Fringe concerts in the Kirk, both instrumental and choral. Visit the Kirk web site for all the details of these events with which the Kirk reaches out to the Edinburgh community of music lovers.

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 next 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.

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.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre

Photo Volunteers are wanted! Will you be able to spare some time during the day on **Thursday 8 September**, to help the Greyfriars Charteris Centre? We are looking for volunteers to take part in a photo shoot day. We are reviewing the Greyfriars Charteris Centre's website, to raise awareness of all the great social enterprises, charities and community groups based there, and the halls and meeting rooms for hire. We need some bright, cheerful photos to help us do that. We know not everyone loves having their photo taken, but if you don't mind being part of a meeting group, or background guests at a party or wedding scene, so that people can imagine using the Centre for these events, we would really love to hear from you. We are hoping to get 8 or 10 people from the Kirk and its community, along with some university students, to join in and make a good crowd – it's for a great cause, and of course it should be fun! If you'd like more information, or you are able to join in, please contact Daniel at manager@charteriscentre.com or on 0131 662 6850.

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.

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.