

ORDER OF SERVICE – 21 AUGUST 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 21 August 2022 – Eleventh 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.

“Seek God, not happiness - this is the fundamental rule of all meditation.
If you seek God alone, you will gain happiness: that is its promise.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German pastor and martyr

Organ: Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Organ Introit: Voluntary

Thomas Tomkins

Welcome and Call to Worship: Professor Bert Kerrigan QC

Hymn 465:

1. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*
5. *High King of Heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

8th c. Irish, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

REFLECTION - Walking in the Way

The Word of God

Psalm 71 (read responsively)

Leader: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: *In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.*

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

*Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those
who are evil and cruel.*

For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.

From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb.

I will ever praise you.

I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge.

My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendour all day long.

Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

Amen and thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Mine eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace:

no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed, from all the stars above:

'tis namèd when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire,

is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges

Herbert Howells

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10: Jeremiah's Call and Commission

Reader: Amelia Wallace

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Hymn 596:

- 1 *Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*
2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.*
3. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me glows with your holy fire.*
4. *Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.*

Edwin Hatch

Luke 13: 10 – 17: Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

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

Hymn 237:

1. *Look forward in faith, all time is in God's hand.
Walk humbly with him and trust his future plan.
God has wisely led his people by his power.
Look forward in hope, he gives us each new hour.*
2. *Look forward in faith, the world is in God's care.
His purpose of love he calls on us to share.
In our neighbour's need the Lord is present still.
He blesses the meek! The earth will know God's will.*
3. *Look forward in faith, God gives us life each day.
Go onward with Christ, his Spirit guides our way.
Now God lets us live within the sphere of grace.
Trust ever in him, he rules o'er earth and space!*

Andrew J. Scobie

SERMON – Proclaiming the Good News

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 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.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commemoration

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our 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 553:

Saffron Walden

1. *Just as I am, without one plea, but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call us, 'Come to me', O Lamb of God, I come.*
2. *Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.*
3. *Just as I am you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.*
4. *Just as I am – your love unknown has broken every barrier down –
now to be yours, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come.*
5. *Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above – O Lamb of God, I come.*

Charlotte Elliott

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Toccata in A minor

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 25 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 28 August	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 4 September	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 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.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue on Thursday week, 1 September, with a violin and piano recital by Clare Hoffman and Christopher Bevan. Admission is free.

Pilgrimage Walk

Today many of our members have joined a pilgrimage walk near Dunbar in the footsteps of John Muir, along with our friends at St Columba's by the Castle and Augustine United. We welcome Prof. Bert Kerrigan, who is one of our elders, to take the service in place of our walking ministry team.

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.

Day Conference: Mission in Contemporary Scotland

Saturday 3 September, 10 am to 3 pm in St Michael's Linlithgow Church.

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to join Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery at this timely conference to explore our calling in mission using themes from Liam Fraser's recent book, *Mission in Contemporary Scotland*. The speakers will be Diane McWilliam, Church advisor with the Cinnamon Network; Peter Wood, Pioneer & New Housing Co-ordinator for Lothian Presbytery; and Major David Cavanagh, Salvation Army, Assistant Secretary for Scotland.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/presbytery-conference-mission-in-contemporary-scotland-tickets-381024684087>

There will be coffee and tea on arrival in Cross House. We will break for an hour at lunch time; tea and coffee only will be served in the hall at Cross House. Please bring your own lunch, or you can plan to buy lunch in one of the local cafes in Linlithgow.

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 services of Holy Communion with silence and symbol will resume on Sunday 18 September at 7.00 pm.

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.