

ORDER OF SERVICE – 28 AUGUST 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 28 August 2022 – Twelfth 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: Largo, from Trio Sonata No.5 in C major

J. S. Bach

Organ: Tranquillamente, No.1 of Five Versets

William Lloyd-Webber

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

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

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and ever living God, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true faith, nourish us with all goodness and in your great mercy, enfold us in your great love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Word of God

Hebrews 13: 1 – 8 and 15 - 16

Reader: Amelia Wallace

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hymn 88 (Psalm 130):

Macpherson's Rant

1. *Up from the depths I cry to God: O listen, Lord, to me;
O hear my voice in this distress, this mire of misery.
I wait for God with all my heart, my hope is in his word;
and more than watchmen for the dawn I'm longing for the Lord.*
2. *If you, my God, should measure guilt, who then stands free from blame?
But true forgiveness comes from you; we trust, and fear your name.*
3. *O Israel, set your hope on God, whose mercy is supreme:
the nation mourning for its sin he surely will redeem.*

Christopher Martin Idle

Luke 14: 1 and 7 -14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Hymn 761:

Gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. (Glory to God in the highest.)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father and mother, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, Ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed.

*We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly,
who healed the broken and included the outcast,
who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation,
who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life.
In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us
in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him
for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us
and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.*

*We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us and guides us and empowers us
as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power
of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life.*

Amen

The Offering

Govan Old

*'Lift up your hearts': I hear the summons calling forth from the heavenly altar where he stands –
our great High Priest, the Father's love revealing, in priestly act, with pleading outstretched hands.*

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Holy Communion

Anthem:

*Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

*(Jesus, truly human Son of Mary, who suffered on the cross for all our sakes,
and from whose wounded side flowed precious blood, sustain us in this life
as in the next. O merciful and holy Jesus, gentle Son of Mary.)*

attr. Innocent VI

Edward Elgar

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.

The Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 654:

2. *'Lift up your hearts': with hearts to heaven soaring
the Church exulting makes her glad reply –
'We lift them up unto the Lord', adoring;
our God and thine, through thee, we glorify.*
3. *'Lift up your hearts': alas, O Lord , I cannot
lift up aright my burdened heart to thee:
thou knowest, Lord, the cares that weigh upon it,
the chains that bind it struggling to be free.*
4. *O Love divine! thy promise comes to cheer me,
O Voice of pity! blessing and thrice blest –
'Come unto me, ye laden hearts and weary;
take up my yoke, and learn: I pledge you rest.'*
5. *I dare not waver by such grace invited,
I yield my heart, dear Lord: I close the strife.
Lift thou my heart until, with thine united,
I taste anew the joy of endless life.*

John Macleod

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Rose of Kelvingrove

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 1 September	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 4 September	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 11 September	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 18 September	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol

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 this Thursday, 1 September, with a violin and piano recital by Clare Hoffman and Christopher Bevan. Admission is free.

Coffee Saints at GCP

Do drop in to the new café space at the Greyfriars Grassmarket Centre, which is now open as Coffee Saints (like our café beside St Mary's Cathedral at the top of Leith Walk) – see the pictures overleaf. As always, there will be good food, good value and a lovely atmosphere, and all helping our vulnerable members. Thanks.

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.

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.



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