

ORDER OF SERVICE – 7 AUGUST 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 7 August 2022 – Ninth 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.

Religion is much more the story of longing than of possessing.

Anon

Organ: Ave Maria von Arcadelt

Franz Liszt

Organ Introit: Choral Cistercien

Jehan Alain

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 165:

1. *Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth: cycles of season and reason and birth, contrasts in outlook and landscape and need, challenge of famine, pollution, and greed.*
2. *Praise to the Lord for the progress of life: cradle and grave, bond of husband and wife, pain of youth growing and wrinkling of age, questions in step with experience and stage.*
3. *Praise to the Lord for the care of our kind: faith for the faithless and sight for the blind, healing, acceptance, disturbance and change, all the emotions through which our lives range.*
4. *Praise to the Lord for the people we meet, safe in our homes or at risk in the street: kiss of a lover and friendship's embrace, smile of a stranger and words full of grace.*
5. *Praise to the Lord for the carpenter's son, dovetailing worship and work into one: tradesman and teacher and vagrant and friend, source of all life in this world without end.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 600:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love.*

- 1 *You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.*
2. *Without your help we fail our lord, we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.*

Margaret Old

The Word of God

Hebrews 11: 1 – 3 and 8 - 16

Reader: Simon Hissett

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hymn 23 (Psalm 27):

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is my strong refuge, of whom then need I be afraid?
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
2. When the enemy came upon me to devour me, he stumbled and fell to the ground.
Though an host of men were encamped against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
3. One thing I ask of the Lord, one petition I seek from him:
to dwell in the house of the Lord, and serve him all my days.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
4. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
There I will offer him the sacrifice of thanksgiving: I will sing and speak praises to my God.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Luke 12: 32 - 40

Jesus said 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Anthem:

O Lord, my God, to thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in thee, in thee have I trusted. Let me not be ashamed, let not my foes triumph over me. O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me. Teach me thy way, Lord, lead me in a plain path. O hide not thy face far from me, Lord God, hide not thy face far from me. Amen.

from Psalms 25 and 27

Jacques Arcadelt

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

(adapted from the Song of Faith of the
United Church of Canada, 2006)

*We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.*

*We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively active in the world.
The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy, not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.*

*We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns
and confessions, who sees that which has broken us in the past
but is transforming us and the world into a new creation.*

*We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.*

Amen

The Offering

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

Pastoral Prayer: Simon Hessett

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:

Thaxted

1. *Lord, your loving hand is seen in all that you have made so well;
O'er the hills the eagle soars with grace that words can never tell.
Deep within our soul we sense you like our pulse, so very near;
The hands that we hold in life shall chase away our fear.
Yet this world is full of scars and many painful tears are shed,
So we ask your Spirit now to show the paths that we should tread.*
2. *Lead us now to cherish what we have instead of wanting more.
Fire us with that love that Jesus had, who always blessed the poor.
Bend our wills to plough the soil and serve all life by Holy Law.
As we seek to explain the world, fill all our minds with awe.
And help us hear anew the prophet's wise and timely word,
Living justly, loving mercy and humbly seeking God.*

Richard Frazer

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Chorale Prelude on "Croft's 136th", Set 2 No.1

Hubert Parry

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 11 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 14 August	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 21 August	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.

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 on Thursday week, 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 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.

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.

Overleaf, there is an outside view of the newly-refurbished Centre in the Pleasance, taken from the Deaconess Garden – the green triangle which has all those cherry trees.

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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