

GREYFRIARS KIRK



From the Queen's Christmas broadcast in 1957:

"I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else, I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations."

And quoting Mr Valiant for Truth from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress she concluded with these words:

"And though, with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought his battles who now will be my rewarder."



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 11 September 2022

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: Adagio e dolce, from Trio Sonata No.3 in D minor, BWV 527

J. S. Bach

Organ Introit: Elegy

Hubert Parry

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

A moment of silent reflection

Hymn 200:

Westminster Abbey

1. *Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.*
2. *To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with your constant loving-kindness, hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*
3. *Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.*
4. *Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory while unending ages run.*

7th c, tr. John Mason Neale

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:

At this time, as our nation grieves but also celebrates the life of Queen Elizabeth, enfold us, living God, as surely you have embraced her, in the warmth of your everlasting arms. As we revolve many memories, help us to remember a monarch who stood above us, but also knelt at your feet, living a life of humility, devotion and prayer. Give us now the grace to live in hope, building our common life through pain and fortitude, loss and love. For we trust this is the heart of the resurrection story. We ask this in the strong name of Christ, our king and our friend.

Amen

Hymn 730:*Iona Boat Song*

1. *From the falter of breath, through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond;
God has woven a way, unapparent by day,
for all those of whom heaven is fond.*
2. *From frustration and pain, through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known;
Christ has gone where we fear and has vowed to be near
on the journey we make on our own.*
3. *From the dimming of light, through the darkness of night,
to the glory of goodness above;
God the Spirit is sent to ensure heaven's intent
is embraced and completed in love.*
4. *From today till we die, through all questioning why,
to the place from which time and tide flow;
angels tread on our dreams, and magnificent themes
of heaven's promise are echoed below.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

The Word of God**Romans 8: 31 – 39** (from Lorimer's New Testament in Scots)

Reader: Leslie Munro

Nou, what dis aa that mean? Gin God is for us, wha can be again us? Him at hainedna his nain Son, but gied him up tae deith for us aa, what wey will he no freele gie us aathing ither forbye? Wha will come forrit tae accuse God's elect? Whan God assoiles them, wha will condemn them? Will Christ? Christ, at died — ay, an wis raised frae the deid? Christ, at sits at God's richt haund, plead-pleadin for us? Wha will shed us frae the luve o Christ? Can dree or straits or misgydin, want o mait for the wyme or hap for the back, jippertie or the lockman's swuird? An, deed, it is een as it says i the Buik — 'For thy sake we ar dune tae deid the lee-lang day; we ar countit as sheep for the skemmles.' But aa thir drees an ills, we ey waur and better nor waur them aa wi the help o him at hes taen us til his hairt. For I think hailumlie at naither deith nor life, naither angels nor spírits an pouers i the lift, naither things praisent nor things tae come, naither ocht i the heicht abuin nor ocht i the depth ablò, nor oniething ither i the hail warld at God hes made, will e'er can shed us frae the luve o God at he hes kythed til us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Hymn 14 (Psalm 23):*Crimond*

1. *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*
2. *My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.*
3. *Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*
4. *My table thou hast furnishèd in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*
5. *Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.*

Scottish Psalter

Matthew 5: 1 – 16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

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

Anthem:

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Henry Purcell

Sermon

Music for Reflection: 'Farewell to Stromness'

Peter Maxwell Davies
(Alison Gregson, piano)

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

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*And you, most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our fading breath, O praise him, alleluia!
You homeward lead the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way has trod:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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 644:

Thornbury

1. *O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*
2. *Oh, let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*
3. *Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.*
4. *O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:
now give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

John Ernest Bode

Benediction

Amen

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Organ: Sunset

*A. C. Green,
arr. Alexander Wallace*

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 15 September	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 18 September	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol
Sunday 25 September	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.

Lunchtime Concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue this Thursday, 15 September, with a recital by George Coghill (bass baritone) and Gina Baker (piano). 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 to visit it to share the solidarity, vigilance, and hope, wherever you are in the world at any time and from anywhere.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Coffee Morning

Ever since our union with Kirk o'Field in 2013, members of that congregation and of the local community have been gathering fortnightly for coffee in the St Ninian Hall. The completion of the refurbishment has given us the opportunity to relaunch, and we plan to publicise it more widely in the local community too, as a place to meet friends old and new. It's a lovely way for us all to enjoy the Centre as part of the Greyfriars community and to participate in the Southside community.

Do come: Thursday fortnightly, from 15 September, 10.30 am – 12 noon in the St Ninian Hall of the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 139-141 Pleasance.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Autumn Ceilidh

This will take place on **Thursday 13 October** from 6 pm to 11 pm

As the nights start drawing in, and the weather turns cooler, you are warmly invited to a ceilidh at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre.

Ceilidh: A lively ceilidh band with an experienced caller will provide the tunes and dancing will be encouraged – up on your feet on the floor, or tapping your fingers and toes in your chair, as you're able.

Haggis, Neeps & Tatties or Vegan Stovies: enjoy a hearty bowl of food, prepared by the fantastic Grassmarket Community Project catering team.

"Cake off" Competition: Bring along a cake to share for pudding. There will be a ***PRIZE*** for the most creative cake!!

BYOB: soft drinks (water, squash, tea & coffee) will be available, bring your own other drinks of choice.

So, put it in your diaries, tell your friends, and please do come along. It should be a great night, warm atmosphere, friendly faces and good "Greyfriars family" fun! Register on Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charteris-community-ceilidh-tickets-407978222847> or

email Gillian Couper (parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com) who can register you if you'd prefer.

It's a **free** event but we will welcome cash donations to cover the catering costs.

Giving with Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk through an offering of cash during the service, do please use the Gift Aid envelope that you will find in the backs of the chairs. If you are a UK taxpayer we can reclaim a further 25p in the £ by way of tax refund, without cost to yourself. If you have already completed an envelope in full on a previous occasion, or completed a Gift Aid declaration, you need only fill in your name and the amount. Thank you so much for your support, which we depend on to maintain the life of the Kirk.

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.

