

ORDER OF SERVICE – 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 18 September 2022 – Fifteenth 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: Nimrod

Edward Elgar

Organ Introit: Voluntary in C

Henry Purcell

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: As people of heart and lovers of life,

All: *we are the people of God, we are a people of love!*

Leader: As people who think and givers of peace,

All: *we are the people of God, we are a people of love!*

Leader: As people who care and healers of hurt,

All: *we are the people of God, we are a people of love!*

Hymn 132:

St Denio

1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
2. *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
3. *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

Walter Chalmers Smith

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Confession

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and made us in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 598:

St Columba

- 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

The Word of God

James 1: 1 - 17

Reader: Colin Graham

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, and the rich in being brought low, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away. Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. No one, when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Anthem: Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

(Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made them, and the children of Zion rejoice in their King.)

Psalm 149: 1-2

Giuseppe Pitoni

Luke 16: 1 – 13

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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

Hymn 604:

In Babilone

1. *Holy wisdom, lamp of learning, bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit joined in deepest unity.*
2. *Vine of truth, in you we flourish; by your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us shape our life, your will to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying, may we help the Church convey
witness to the saving gospel, bearing fruit of faith today.*
3. *Holy God, the hope of nations, tune us to your righteous will,
as the symphony of ages claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm, that God's praise be ever heard.*

Ruth Duck

Sermon

The Offering

Triumph

*Now to him who loved us, gave us every pledge that love could give,
freely shed his blood to save us, gave his life that we might live,
be the kingdom, power and glory and thanksgiving evermore.*

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 532:

Pescador de hombres

1. *Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water, at your side I will seek other shores.*
2. *Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?*
3. *Lord, take my hands, and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.*
4. *Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.*

Cesáreo Gabaráin, tr. Robert Trupia

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Hymn 177:

Soli Deo gloria

1. *O God of blessings, all praise to you! Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed; you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria! **
2. *All praise for wisdom, great gift sublime, through words and teachers of every time;
for stories ancient and knowledge new, for coaches, mentors, and counsellors true
whose life of service brought us to you: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*
3. *All praise for prophets, through grace inspired to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your Gospel call: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*
4. *All praise for music, deep gift profound, through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise, in wordless splendour and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*
5. *All praise for Jesus, best gift divine through word and witness, in bread and wine;
incarnate love song of boundless grace, priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*
6. *A billion voices in one great song, now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in every culture and style and key, from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*

* = To God alone be glory!

Marty Haugen

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Fanfare

Henry Purcell

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Sunday 18 September	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service of Holy Communion 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol
Thursday 22 September	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 25 September	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 2 October	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.

Lunchtime Concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 22 September, with a piano recital by Richard Beauchamp of St Mary's Music School. 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 to 12 noon in the St Ninian Hall of the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 139-141 Pleasance. The forward dates until Christmas are 29 September, 13 and 27 October, 10 and 24 November, and 8 December.

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.

