

ORDER OF SERVICE – 2 OCTOBER 2022

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**MINISTRY TEAM**

Rev Dr Richard Frazer  
Rev Ruth Halley  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday dd Mmm 2022 – Name of Sunday**

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](https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv).

**Organ:** Lente, from Trio Sonata No.6 in G major, BWV 530

J. S. Bach

**Organ Introit:** Variation 6, from Varieties over Psalm 121

Paul Ritchie (b.1954)

**Welcome and Call to Worship:** Rev Richard Frazer

### ***Hymn 160:***

1. *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.*
2. *Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.*
3. *Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him! Praise him! widely as his mercy flows.*
4. *Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the high eternal One.*
5. *Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.*

Henry Francis Lyte

### **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 have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

## **An Interview and Presentation on Edinburgh Street Pastors with Gerard McIver, their Recruitment and Training Officer.**

### **Hymn 361:**

*Solas an t'Saoghail*

1. *Forgiveness is your gift, both cleansing and renewing,  
to catch us when we drift. our base desires pursuing;  
and hug us back to life and bring us to a feast  
where all will celebrate the life your love released.*
2. *Your grace goes out to meet the sinful and the doubting,  
your arms and dancing feet speak louder than all shouting:  
O God, how great your love which takes us empty in,  
and, with our worth unproved, lets better life begin.*

Ian Masson Fraser

### **The Word of God**

#### **1 Timothy 1: 1 – 14**

Reader: Tori Graham

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, to Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith. But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions. Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately. This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, fornicators, sodomites, slave-traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

#### **Luke 17: 5 - 10**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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

## **Anthem:**

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. My God, I trust in thee.

Psalm 25: 1 – 2

Sergei Rachmaninov

## **Sermon**

### ***Affirmation of Faith:***

*We believe in God in whom is power and compassion.*

*We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space,  
shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.  
God's power topples tyrants, and brings down walls of separation;  
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,  
encouraging and caring for each of us.*

*We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land; a human being, vulnerable  
to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief. He understood the power of love  
and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with courage and clarity,  
forgave his enemies and changed lives. In his living, dying and rising again  
he showed love strong enough to save the world.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts and empowers us,  
opens the scriptures, opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness.*

*Amen*

### **The Offering**

*Old 100th*

*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.*

### **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 622:***

- 1. We sing a love that sets all people free, that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,  
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear: come, living love, live in our hearts today.*
- 2. We sing a love that seeks another's good, that longs to serve and not to count the cost,  
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new: come, caring love, live in our hearts today.*
- 3. We sing a love unflinching, unafraid to be itself, despite another's wrath,  
a love that stands alone and undismayed: come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.*
- 4. We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest until it finds its way, its home, its source,  
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed: come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.*
- 5. We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love, who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,  
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ: come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.*

June Boyce-Tillman

## **Benediction**

*Amen*

**Organ:** Chorale and Variation 8, from Varieties over Psalm 121

Paul Ritchie

# NOTES

## **Forthcoming Services:**

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| <b>Thursday 6 October</b> | 1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sunday 9 October</b>   | 11.00 am: Morning Worship<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service<br>3.00 pm: Pets' Blessing Service                                 |
| <b>Sunday 16 October</b>  | 11.00 am: Harvest Thanksgiving<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service<br>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.

## **Lunchtime Concerts**

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 6 October, with a piano recital by Matthew Shiel. 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. 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 13 October, 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 13 and 27 October, 10 and 24 November, and 8 December.

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## 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](mailto: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.

## Harvest Sunday - 16 October

We look forward to a service full of harvest colours, music and thinking in the Kirk on Sunday 16 October this year. This year we will be collecting donations of household goods for the local food bank, located at Greyfriars' ecumenical partners St Columba's by the Castle, on Johnstone Terrace, as part of the Edinburgh Food Project, co-ordinated by the Trussell Trust. It's a critical service for many in the community. Baskets will be placed at the back of the Kirk, where items can be dropped off either before the service, or during coffee after it.

The Edinburgh Food Project website is regularly updated to let donors know the sort of items that are required at present, and what might be more well stocked, as well as many other ways you can support the Project: see <https://edinburghfoodproject.org/donate-food/>. At present, the following are listed as required items: UHT milk, long life fruit juice, jam, tinned spaghetti in sauce, tinned desserts, tinned veg, tinned fruit, biscuits / sweets / chocolate, tinned cold meat (corned beef etc.), tinned fish, rice, toilet rolls and household cleaning products. Unopened and in date items will be gratefully received.

## 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.

Please do not put the older **paper** bank notes into the envelopes or the open collection, as they can no longer be paid into our account. You can still change them at your own bank.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:minister@greyfriarskirk.com), or Ruth by phone on 07530 307 413 or by email at [associate.minister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:associate.minister@greyfriarskirk.com).