

ORDER OF SERVICE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 4 September 2022 – Thirteenth 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: Adagio, from Trio Sonata No.1 in E flat major, BWV 525

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, to inspire and enthuse us.
Come, people of Edinburgh and beyond.

All: *We will worship together.*

Leader: You who made the cosmos: all that is good and true and beautiful
around and deep within us:

All: *We praise you, God.*

Leader: For the teachings of history, your guidance for today,
and call to the future:

All: *We praise you, God.*

Leader: In this your beloved city, in this holy time and space shared with others,

All: *We celebrate your glory.*

Hymn 212:

Bunessan

1. *Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*
2. *Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*
3. *Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!*

Eleanor Farjeon

The Kirking of the Captain, Edinburgh March Riding Association

Lord Provost:

Jay Sturgeon, it is with great pleasure that I now complete your installation as Edinburgh Captain 2022 by entrusting you with the City of Edinburgh Banner, and charge you to inspect the boundaries of our Capital City. I ask that you return this Banner to me in one week from today, unsullied and unstained.

Captain Jay Sturgeon:

My Lord Provost, on behalf of the people of the City of Edinburgh, and by the trust invested in me, I promise to return the city banner to you in one week's time at the Mercat Cross, unsullied and unstained.

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Amelia Wallace

Words of Assurance

Collect for the Day:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 704:

Thaxted

1. *I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*
2. *And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.*

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice

The Word of God

Philemon 1 - 21

Reader: Iain Whyte,
Edinburgh March Riding Association

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

(over)

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Anthem: The Call

from Five Mystical Songs

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath:
such a Truth, as ends all strife: such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast:
such a Feast, as mends in length: such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move:
such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

R. Vaughan Williams

Luke 14: 25 – 33

Reader: Stuart Nicoll,
Edinburgh March Riding Association

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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

Hymn 600:

Skye Boat Song

*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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

(Iona Community)

*We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty where
courage and fear join hands, conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.*

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

*We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action,
into vulnerability, and into the streets.*

*We commit ourselves to work for change, and put ourselves on the line,
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge, to choose life
and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.*

*Amen***The Offering***Gonfalon Royal*

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth, whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.*

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 159:*Lord of the Years*

1. *Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.*
2. *Lord, for that word, the Word of life, which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.*
3. *Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.*
4. *Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.*
5. *Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

*Timothy Dudley-Smith***Benediction****Organ:** *Prelude, from Te Deum**Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

NOTES

Thursday 8 September	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
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

This morning we welcome our Lord Provost, Councillor Robert Aldridge, and officebearers and members of the Edinburgh March Riding Association, for the traditional ceremony of the Kirking of the Captain of next Sunday's Riding of the Marches.

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, 8 September, with a cello and piano recital by Edinburgh University students. 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.



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