

ORDER OF SERVICE – 6 NOVEMBER 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 6 November 2022 – Sunday after All Saints

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: Allegretto, from Organ Sonata No.4 in B flat major

Felix Mendelssohn

Introit: God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer 1558

John Rutter

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 172:

Lobe den Herren

1. *Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night, warming the earth's exultation.*
2. *Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that would blind us,
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame, reaching out gently to find us.*
3. *Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight, offering freedom's transfusion.*
4. *Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see the new creation to be, spirit of love made flesh for us.*

Kathryn Galloway

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Eternal friend, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses who shine so brightly to beckon us so eagerly. Help us to grow strong and spiritual like them, that we may live more fully and boldly for you and become useful workers in the kingdom you are building.

Amen

Hymn 489:*Down Ampney*

1. *Come down, O Love Divine, seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*
2. *O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*
3. *Let holy charity my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*
4. *And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

*Bianco da Siena, tr. Richard Littledale***The Word of God****Ephesians 1: 15 - 23**

Reader: Rus Loten

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hymn 89 (Psalm 139):*The Isle of Mull*

1. *For you, the pride from my heart is banished;
for you, false dreams from my eyes have vanished;
for you, vain glory I leave admiring, endless ambition I cease desiring.*
2. *Now is my soul calm from all its testing, like a weaned child on her mother resting.
May all who hear join such celebrating. Wait for the Lord: God is worth our waiting.*

John L. Bell

Luke 6: 20 - 36

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

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

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Return, O holy dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest,
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper

arr. C.V. Stanford

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky. Born of Mary's womb, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. He died in the agony of the Cross, but transformed even death, and rose to life so that he might journey with us. He blessed his disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south.

We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to his mission in the world, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Offering

Slane

*Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if I should disown you, I'd stumble and fall;
but sworn in your service, your word I'll obey,
and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.*

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 740:

Sine Nomine

1. *For all the saints, who from their labours rest;
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
2. *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
6. *The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
7. *But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of Glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
8. *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

William Walsham How

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Incantation pour un jour Saint

Jean Langlais

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 10 November	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 13 November	10.55 am: Remembrance Service 12.30 pm: Gaelic Remembrance Service
Sunday 20 November	11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 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, 10 October, with a recital by students from Edinburgh University. 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.

Stop Press! Congratulation to the GCP on winning the One To Watch Award, from **Social Enterprise Awards Scotland**, for their amazing Coffee Saints Café and brand; and with a special mention to Catherine Jones, the founder and Social Enterprise Director of Coffee Saints, who won the Social Enterprise Champion Award.

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 10 November, 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 24 November and 8 December.

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.

CoCo Counselling

Kate Frazer and her colleagues are very happy to announce that the **Benefact Trust** have awarded a grant of £15,600 to the Greyfriars community. The grant is specifically to support counselling services offered by CoCo Counselling to members of the Grassmarket Community Project and to those in our broader community who cannot afford to pay for support through counselling. With the help of these funds, CoCo Counselling will be able to increase the number of affordable sessions to the wider community by taking on two additional counsellors and offering more zero-cost and low-cost sessions on a weekly basis.

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.