

ORDER OF SERVICE - 14 MAY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 May 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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: Melody, from Triptyque

Jean Langlais

Welcome and Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn 512:

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane Crosby

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Sue MacGregor

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

Collect for the Day: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn 586:*Veni Creator*

1. *Come, Höly Ghöst, our söuls inspire, and lighten with celëstial fire;
thou thë anöinting Spīrit art, who dost thy sevenfold gīfts impart.*
2. *Thy blëssèd ünction fröm above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enåble with perpëtual light the dullness öf our blinded sight.*
3. *Anöint and chëer our söilèd face with the abüundance öf thy grace;
keep fär our föes; give pëace at home: where thou art guīde no ill can come.*
4. *Teach üs to knöw the Fäther, Son, and thee of böth, to bë but one,
that thröugh the äges äll along this may bë our ëndless song,
'Präise to thīne etërnal merit, Fäther, Sön, and Höly Spirit.' Ämen.*

9th c, tr. John Cosin

The Word of God**Psalm 66: 8 - 20**

Reader: Sue MacGregor

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

John 14: 15 - 21

Jesus said 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

Anthem: A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you;
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you;
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.

Old Gaelic rune, adapted

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sermon: Gillian Couper

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe in one God, and He is love. We praise God, who created the universe
and keeps it in being, making us his sons and daughters to share his joy.*

*We proclaim Jesus Christ, who became one of us, sharing our life and death,
and offering healing and wholeness to all.*

*We depend on the Holy Spirit, who sustains the Church, and calls us to serve God
in the world, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Amen

Hymn 509:

St Andrew

(and during which, **The Offering**)

1. *Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding, saying, 'Christian, follow me.'*
2. *As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake,*
3. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying 'Christian, love me more.'*
4. *In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, love me more than these.'*
5. *Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Saviour, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.*

Cecil Frances Alexander

Pastoral Prayer: Gillian Couper

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:

Woodlands

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.*
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

Blessing

*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: Allegro assai vivace, from Organ Sonata in F minor, Op.65 No.1

Felix Mendelssohn

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 18 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 21 May	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic General Assembly Service with the Moderator, the Right Reverend Sally Foster-Fulton. 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 28 May	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 4 June	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 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.

However, next week there cannot our usual refreshments, to give the catering team time to prepare them for all the extra visitors who will be at the Gaelic service with the Moderator.

Giving with Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk with a cash offering 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.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 18 May, with a concert by students of Edinburgh University. Admission is free.

Edinburgh Marathon – Sunday 28 May

This year, the marathon begins in Potterrow at 10.00 am, and its route is along Teviot Place, into Forrest Road, up George IV Bridge, and over the Mound. It is expected that there will be **no vehicular access** to the Kirkyard, and that pedestrian access from the east should be via Chambers Street, Guthrie Street, Cowgate, and Candlemaker Row.

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.

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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.

Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

After a well-earned post-Coronation break, the coffee mornings will resume from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursdays 1, 15 and 29 June. Do come along to enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere with coffee and cake, or tea and scones, or whatever takes your fancy.

"Soul Space" at the Charteris Centre

This new monthly event gives people an opportunity to explore faith, current issues, and the world around us, led by a series of guest speakers, along with reflection, conversation, and refreshments. The next event, from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm, will be on Tuesday 6 June.

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.