

ORDER OF SERVICE - 21 MAY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 21 May 2023 – Sunday after Ascension

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 Sonata in F minor, Op.65 No.1

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

(words suggested by the
Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton)

Leader: Sing to God, lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds,
but comes close as a whisper to comfort the fearful and the fragile.

All: *Gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.* (Glory to God in the highest.)

Leader: Sing to God, lift up your hearts, your voices, your all-in-all. God gives the desolate
a home, leads the prisoner to prosperity, pours rain over parched places.

All: *Gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Hymn 153:

Faithfulness

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided – great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*
2. *Summer and winter, seed time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*
3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

Thomas Chisholm

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, you have raised your only Son to the right hand of your glory,
and bestowed on him the name above all names. Assure us that as he reigns with you in heaven so
he abides with us on earth to the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and is
glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 547:

Converse

1. *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*
2. *Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer.*
3. *Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you: you will find a solace there.*

Joseph Scriven

The Word of God

John 17: 1 - 11

Reader: Rognvald Munro

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

Acts 1: 6 - 14

When they had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Anthem:

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men. O sing praises unto our God, O sing praises unto our King. Alleluia. God is gone up on high.

Psalms 47: 5-6, 68: 18

Arthur Hutchings

Sermon

Jamie Sutherland

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counsellor of truth, reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God, and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God!

Amen

Hymn 112:

Moscow

(during which, **The Offering**)

1. *God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.*
2. *Saviour, who came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind let there be light.*
3. *Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move o'er the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.*
4. *Blessèd and holy Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide let there be light.*

John Marriott and Thomas Raffles

Pastoral Prayer: Rosemary Scott

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 470:

Warrington

1. *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his Kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.*
2. *People and realms of every tongue declare his love in sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*
3. *Blessings abound where Jesus reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.*
4. *Let every creature rise and bring the highest honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.*

Isaac Watts

Blessing

Organ: Paeon

Herbert Howells

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	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.
Thursday 25 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
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

There cannot be our usual coffee and biscuits after today's service, so as to give the caterers time to prepare refreshments for the extra visitors who will be at the Gaelic service with the Moderator. All are welcome to remain in the Kirk and join in our welcome to her.

The catering team would **love** some new volunteers to help with the cuppas after the morning service. As we are now providing biscuits (sweet and savoury), with home baking optional, this only requires minimal time to serve and clear — men would be welcome! Please speak to Isobel Hutchings or Margaret Wallace, or email officeassistant@greyfriarskirk.com who will pass your details on to them.

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 will continue at 12 noon on Thursday 8 June, with a performance by pupils of St. Aloysius' College in Glasgow. Admission is free.

Study Service

This evening there will be a Bible Study based on Mark's account of the Temptations of Jesus, led by Jenny Floether while Bob Walker and his family are in Japan.

The Study Service meets by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Edinburgh Marathon next 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.

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 Thursday week, 1 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.