

ORDER OF SERVICE - 28 MAY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 28 May 2023 – 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: "Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 581:

Salve Festa Dies

*Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
day when the Lord from heaven shone on the world with his grace.*

1. *Lo! in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord foretold suddenly, swiftly, descends.*
2. *Forth from the Father he comes with his sevenfold mystical dowry,
pouring on human souls infinite richness of God.*
3. *Hark! In a hundred tongues Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
preach to a hundred tribes Christ and his wonderful works.*
4. *Praise to the Spirit of life, all praise to the fount of our being,
light that now lightens all, life that in all now abides.*

14th c, tr. Gabriel Gillett

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit and opening the way of life eternal to every race and nation. Keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

Acts 2, 1 – 21: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Reader: Sue MacGregor

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 20, 19 – 23: Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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

Hymn 590:

Yr Hun Gân

1. *Holy Spirit, gift bestower, breathe into our hearts today.
Flowing water, dove that hovers, Holy Spirit, guide our way.
Love inspirer, joy releaser, Spirit, take our fears away.
Reconciler, peace restorer, move among us while we pray.*
2. *Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer, wisdom bringer, light our way.
Fire that dances, wind that whispers, Holy Spirit, come today.
Ease disturber, comfort bearer, move among us while we pray.
Truth revealer, faith confirmer, rest within our hearts today.*

Sermon

Sue MacGregor

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation,
in our lives, and in all people.*

*We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry,
his death and resurrection, and his granting to us of his Spirit,
he filled us with that love as well.*

*We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate
in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbours
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.*

*Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God,
and ask God's blessings, that we may love
in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory.*

Amen

The Offering

Nun Danket

*All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son and Spirit, now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Invitation to Holy Communion**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

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Country Prelude No.6 - 'Roving River'

Christopher Norton
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayers of Thanks and Concern: Alison Elliot

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Hymn 594:*Diademata*

- 1 *Come, Holy Spirit, come! Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above.
Let none of us despise the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise, the foolishness of God.*
2. *All-knowing Spirit, prove the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love in Jesus crucified,
and grant us faith to know the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show the marks of love divine.*
3. *Come with the gift to heal the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign, descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again the miracles of love.*
4. *Spirit of truth, arise; inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies, and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight, all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right, and covet only love.*
5. *Give us the tongues to speak the word of love and grace
to rich and poor, to strong and weak, in every time and place.
Enable us to hear the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear the special song they sing.*
6. *Come, Holy Spirit, dance within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance, our mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire, all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire, the perfect gift of love.*

Michael Forster

Benediction**Organ:** En Taille, from Veni Creator

Nicolaus de Grigny

NOTES

Forthcoming Services:

Thursday 1 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 4 June	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 11 June	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

After the service, you are warmly invited to join the congregation for tea or coffee and biscuits at the west end of the Kirk, under the organ gallery.

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 on Thursday week, 8 June, with a performance by pupils of St. Aloysius' College in Glasgow. Admission is free.

Study Service

Next month's Study Services, on Sundays 11 and 25 June, will be Bible Studies 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.

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.

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Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The coffee mornings will resume from 10.30 am to 12 noon this Thursday, 1 June, and fortnightly thereafter. 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 week, 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.