

ORDER OF SERVICE - 7 MAY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 7 May 2023 – Fifth 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: Air, from the Water Music

G. F. Handel

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

Welcome and 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, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 608:*Down Ampney*

1. *Spirit of truth and grace, come to us in this place,
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.
Open our eyes to see truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us close together.*
2. *Spirit of joy and peace, make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.
Then may God's children know love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.*
3. *Spirit of life and power, revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.
Fill us with heavenly fire, and every heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your compassion.*

Iain D. Cunningham

The Word of God**Acts 7: 55 – 60: The Stoning of Stephen**

Reader: Rus Loten

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Hymn 63 (Psalm 100):*Old 100th*

1. *All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.*
2. *Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.*
(Choir only)
3. *Oh, enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.*
4. *For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*
(All)
5. *To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom earth and heaven adore,
be glory, as it was of old, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.*

Scottish Psalter

R. Vaughan Williams

John 14: 1 - 14

Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine

Verbe égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
de la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!
Répands sur nous le feu
de ta grâce puissante,
que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix.
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,
qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!
Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.
Reçois les chants qu'il offre
à ta gloire immortelle,
et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

Jean Racine (1639-1699),
tr. D. Chapman (b. 1949) and others

*O Word, truly one with the Most High,
our only hope,
eternal Daylight of the earth and heavens,
as we break the silence of the peaceful night,
Saviour Divine, turn your eyes towards us!
Anoint us with the fire
of your all-powerful grace,
that all Hell may flee at the sound of your voice.
Dispel the drowsiness from our listless souls
which makes them forgetful of your laws!
O Christ, look kindly on this faithful flock
now met together here to bless your name.
Hear our voices as they praise
your everlasting glory,
and may we leave enriched with all your gifts!*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

*We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.
We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love.
Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love;
but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him.
We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.
We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift
of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. 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.*

Pastoral Prayer: Amelia Wallace

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 251:

Here I am, Lord

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?*
3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Daniel L. Schutte

*God save our gracious King, long live our noble King; God save the King!
Send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us: God save the King!*

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Hornpipe, from the Water Music

G. F. Handel

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 11 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 14 May	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
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

We record with sadness the death of Sandy Morrison, the husband of our elder Winifred Morrison. His funeral will be here in the Kirk this Wednesday, 10 May, at 1.30 pm.

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.

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, 11 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.

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 will be on Tuesday 6 June – more details later.

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.

Green Shoots Youth Theatre

See overleaf for news and details of an exciting opportunity at this year’s Edinburgh Fringe for any stage-struck youngsters.

'THE MYSTERIES - *Reimagined*'

GREEN SHOOTS YOUTH THEATRE ARE LOOKING FOR ACTORS!

ARE YOU BETWEEN 12 - 17?

Want to perform as part of the Edinburgh Fringe this August?

We need enthusiastic young people to join our new Youth Theatre for an exciting summer project! We are performing five short plays based on the Medieval Mysteries. This is a great opportunity to work with an experienced professional director and writer.

The Mystery Plays were the soaps of their day: warm, funny, but with serious intent - Bible stories brought to life - about real people in real situations.

Director Faith Sutherland will stage these at the atmospheric Undercroft of St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge. Writer Peter Holloway has reimagined the Mysteries for our time, with topics that concern us all: climate change, refugees' flight, war's ruin.

"The Mysteries - *Reimagined*" is an ensemble piece, with an emphasis in rehearsals on learning new skills, working to create a professional and dynamic production, and to have fun! Participation is free.

Rehearsals - Monday 24 July - Friday 11 August - 10.00 - 15.00

Final Rehearsal - Saturday 12 August

Performances - Sunday 13 August, 15.00 & 17.00

Sign up to be part of this exciting project!

Contact Faith Sutherland on sutherlandf197@gmail.com

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