

ORDER OF SERVICE - 11 JUNE 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 11 June 2023 – Second Sunday after 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: Sonata & Toccata

Baldassare Galluppi

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 39 (Psalm 50):

Hyfrydol

1. *God the Lord, the king almighty, calls the earth from east to west;
shining out from Zion's splendour, city loveliest and best,
comes our God! He breaks the silence, robed in burning majesty:
'Gather all my covenant people, bound by sacrifice to me'.*
2. *'Hear me testify against you; listen, Israel, as I speak:
I do not require your offerings, sacrifice I do not seek.
Mountain birds and meadow creatures, cattle on a thousand hills,
all the beasts are my possession, moving as their maker wills.'*
3. *God who owns the whole creation needs no gift, no food, no house:
Bring to him your heart's thanksgiving: God most high will hear your vows.
Trust him in the day of trouble, call to him who will redeem;
God will be your strong deliverer, his renown your daily theme.*
4. *Lies increase and evil prospers; God is silent, while men say,
'He has gone; let us forget him!' thinking he is false as they.
But his word will judge or save us; let us come before his throne
giving thanks, receiving mercy: God's salvation now made known.*

Christopher Martin Idle

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon:

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and merciful God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 605:

St Helen

1. *Thanks to God whose word was spoken in the making of the earth.
His voice that called a nation, fired her vision, tried her worth.
God has spoken: God has spoken: praise him for his open word.*
2. *Thanks to God whose word incarnate came to save our human race.
Deeds and words and death and rising testify to heaven's grace.
God has spoken, God has spoken: praise him for his open word.*
3. *Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page,
record of the revelation showing God to every age.
God has spoken, God has spoken: praise him for his open word.;*
4. *Thanks to God whose word is published in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished by the change of time or place.
God has spoken, God has spoken: praise him for his open word.*
5. *Thanks to God whose word is answered by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured, life redeemed from death and sin.
God has spoken, God has spoken: praise him for his open word.;*

Reginald Thomas Brooks

The Word of God

Hosea Ch:5 15 – Ch: 6:1 - 6

Reader: Emma Richardson

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.'

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early . Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Matthew Ch:9 9 – 13 and 18 - 26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

Anthem:

Praise ye the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord. Blessèd be the name of the Lord for evermore. The Lord's name is praised from the east unto the west. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory is above the heavens.

Psalm 113: 1-4

Christopher Tye

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father and mother, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, Ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us and guides us and empowers us as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life.

Amen

Hymn 482:

Kilmarnock

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

1. Come let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.
2. His voice commands the tempest forth, and stills the stormy wave;
His arm is sure and strong to smite, but also strong to save.
3. Long has the night of sorrow reigned, the dawn shall bring us light:
God shall appear, and we shall rise with gladness in his sight:
4. Our hearts, if God we seek to know, shall know him, and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be, like morning songs his voice:
5. As dew upon the tender herb diffusing fragrance round;
As showers that usher in the spring, and cheer the thirsty ground:
6. So shall his presence bless our souls, and shed a joyful light;
That hallowed morn shall chase away the sorrows of the night.

Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer: Alison Noble***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 680:

Regent Square

1. You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others, as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.
2. You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.
3. You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest,
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.
4. May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place,
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

Ruth C. Duck

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: Concerto in A minor (First movement)

Bach/Vivaldi

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 15 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 18 June	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 25 June	10.30 am: Holy Communion 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.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 15 June with Six Handed piano concert. Admission is free.

Study Service

This month's Study Service, on Sunday 18 June, will be a Bible Study 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 Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The next coffee morning is from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday, 15 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.

Volunteer Welcomers Needed!

We are extremely short on Welcomers during Visitor Opening times, for various reasons. It would be great to see members of our congregation engaging with the public and spreading our message.

Welcomers are our friendly faces who greet visitors from all over the world, answering their questions and making their visit memorable. The usual time commitment is one day a week for 4 hours between 11am – 4pm.

If this is something you're interested in or would like to know more, please contact Ellen in the office: 0131 225 1900, communications@greyfriarskirk.com OR see the full description on <https://volunteergreyfriars.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.

Disney's 'New Bobby' Commemoration

Tam, a Skye Terrier starred as Bobby in the 1961 Walt Disney film Greyfriars Bobby. Tam's ashes are 'coming home' and his casket, made by the craftsmen at GCP, will be placed in Greyfriars Kirk museum for everyone to see.

Join us on June 16 at 11am in Greyfriars Kirkyard at the Bobby Headstone before we parade to the Kirk.

Get involved! Grassmarket Community Project – Open Door Meals

The GCP's Open-Door Meals service is targeted at people who are homeless, vulnerably housed or suffer from poverty or social exclusion. Every Wednesday from 5-6:30pm a two-course, freshly prepared meal is served by a friendly team of volunteers. It is a great way to get involved and support the community, meet new people and share stories, and contribute to the city centre mission of the ecumenical partnership between Greyfriars Kirk, Augustine United Church and St Columba's by the Castle, a partnership celebrating 21 years this August.

Please contact Kevin at kevin@grassmarket.org for more information.

Volunteer opportunity to support TLC youth

TLC Youth is a joint youth group for young people from Augustine United Church, Greyfriars, St Columbas-by-the-Castle and beyond. We meet fortnightly in-building and online. We are highly valued as a nurturing, safe, creative and visionary space for young people, especially those who are neurodivergent, identify as LGBTQI+, and/or live with mental health challenges. We are open to people of all faiths and none, and celebrate diversity.

TLC Youth is only possible because of adult volunteers, of all ages and from all walks of life, who support the group. For the past few years, all of the adult volunteers have come from AUC and it would be very enriching and of great support if there were adult volunteers from Greyfriars or St-Columbas-by-the-Castle who could contribute their time and care to this group.

We are a strengths-based group, in that we look for an overlap between the gifts and interests of our young people and of our volunteers to shape our programme. Whoever you are, we value what you will bring to the group. As part of good practice, there is an application process for all volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about TLCY or are interested in becoming an adult volunteer, please contact Matt Baines (matt.baines@augustine.org.uk) or Linda Harrison (secretary@augustine.org.uk)

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.

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.