

ORDER OF SERVICE - 25 JUNE 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 25 June 2023 – Fourth 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: Andante, from Three Short Preludes

Edward Bairstow

Call to Worship: Rev Ruth Halley

Leader: People of God, we are welcomed here by our loving Creator,
our Redeemer, and our sustaining Friend.

All: *God's word of grace is offered to us; like a refreshing cup of water
that is offered to parched people, it is ready to revive and restore us.*

Leader: How blessed are we? Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 177:

Soli Deo Gloria

1. *O God of blessings, all praise to you! Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed; you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria! **
2. *All praise for wisdom, great gift sublime, through words and teachers of every time;
for stories ancient and knowledge new, for coaches, mentors, and counsellors true
whose life of service brought us to you: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*
3. *All praise for prophets, through grace inspired to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your Gospel call: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*

** = To God alone be glory!*

Marty Haugen

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession: Sue MacGregor

Hymn 722:

Leaving of Lismore

1. *Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come, fill me with living water.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me:
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me, and rising to save his people.*

2. *Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life and love and hope, come, fill me with living water.*
3. *Lord, I am blind, my Lord, I can't see. Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me.
Lead me your way in light and in truth, come, fill me with living water.*

Helen Kennedy

The Word of God

Zechariah 9: 9 - 12

Reader: Sue MacGregor

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Matthew 10: 40 - 42

Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

Anthem:

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena, *tr.* Richard Littledale

William Harris

Sermon

The Offering

Triumph

*Now to him who loved us, gave us every pledge that love could give,
freely shed his blood to save us, gave his life that we might live,
be the kingdom, power and glory, and thanksgiving evermore.*

Affirmation of Faith:

*I call all heaven to witness today that I have put on Christ. I choose no other Lord than
the maker of heaven and earth. This day I walk with Him and He will walk with me.*

*I fasten close to me this day that same Jesus who came to us as flesh and blood and was Himself
baptized in the Jordan River. He died upon a cross to rescue me,
broke free from death, its conqueror. He left us, to return the more certainly.*

*All these truths and their power I fasten close to me this day. Resisting my own selfishness and sin,
refusing to live as a slave to riches, pleasure or reputation, rejecting Satan and all his lies,
I call on heaven to witness today that I have put on Christ. Amen*

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 19 (Psalm 24):

St George's (Edinburgh)

1. *Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King? The mighty Lord is this;
Ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in battle is.*
2. *Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors, doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King? The King of glory, who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glory is.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen, amen, amen.*

Scottish Psalter

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.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Pavane Op. 50

Gabriel Faure, *arr.* Robin de Smet
(Victoria Irvine, piano)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Catherine Alexander

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Hymn 177:

Soli Deo Gloria

4. *All praise for music, deep gift profound, through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise, in wordless splendour and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria! **
5. *All praise for Jesus, best gift divine through word and witness, in bread and wine;
incarnate love song of boundless grace, priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*
6. *A billion voices in one great song, now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in every culture and style and key, from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally: soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*

* = To God alone be glory!

Marty Haugen

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 29 June 1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers

Sunday 2 July 9.15 am: Holy Communion
10.30 am: Morning Worship
12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Sunday 9 July 10.30 am: Morning Worship
12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

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

News from the Ministerial Team

As many of you will know, our Associate Minister, the Rev Ruth Halley, was installed by Presbytery into a temporary part-time post at Greyfriars Kirk in June 2021. This notice is to make the congregation aware that, following a meeting with the Rev Richard Frazer and the Session Clerk, Jo Elliot, Ruth is now stepping down from that post as of her 66th birthday which is on 4 August 2023. This is in the context of many changes ahead for Greyfriars and seems the appropriate timing for the church as well as for Ruth herself. Both the ministerial team and the congregation have benefited hugely from her long experience as a Parish Minister and wider roles in the national church. These are ministries which Ruth intends to continue, and we wish her well in her ongoing journey. Ruth would like to thank the ministerial team and the congregation for all the love and support she has received, and for being such wonderful people to serve with.

Edinburgh Festival for the Sacred Arts – evening event on **Tuesday 15 August**

This year, Greyfriars will host an event during this great festival initiative, which brings events that celebrate the sacred arts to the Fringe Festival programme. The event is being put on in partnership with the **Scottish Poetry Library** and the **Scottish Network for Religious Literature**. Our Parish Associate Gillian Couper is meeting with the partners to finalise information and will publish **more info soon**. Meantime, the performers are: **Jo Clifford**, playwright and member of Greyfriars' ecumenical partner Augustine United Church; **Rob Mackenzie**, poet and Church of Scotland minister; and **Medha Singh**, who won this year's New Writers Award from the Scottish Book Trust. It's shaping up to be a really great event, and we hope many of you will come along to enjoy the event and support the great initiative that is this week-long festival. Please come!

Find out more here: www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/ and book tickets here: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/sacred-arts-festival-poetry-at-greyfriars-kirk>.

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, 29 June, with a performance by the Summerville Sacred Singers choir. Admission is free.

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.

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 pm to 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 among Greyfriars Kirk, Augustine United Church and St Columba's by the Castle, a partnership celebrating 21 years this August.

Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The next two coffee mornings will be from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursdays 29 June and 13 July. Do come along to enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere with coffee and cake, or tea and scones, or whatever takes your fancy. There will then be a summer break, before the next coffee morning on Thursday 7 September.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Review of the Year

All are welcome at the Charteris Centre at 6 pm this Tuesday, 27 June, to discover and share all that the Centre has been doing during this past year, and our plans for the future.

Seniors' Lunch Club at the Charteris Centre

At the Charteris Centre, there is an exciting opportunity for someone to make a meaningful impact while enjoying a vibrant and social atmosphere! We are seeking a volunteer (or a few volunteers on a rota) who can spare an hour on Tuesdays to assist one of our fantastic groups.

The local elderly people's lunch club used to meet at the Charteris Centre, but unfortunately, they had to pause their gatherings due to the lack of someone available to pick up their delicious meals following ill health of one of their coordinators. That's where you come in! We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who can collect a few pots of food from a caterer in Marchmont and deliver them to us at the Charteris Centre between 12 and 1 pm on Tuesdays.

By volunteering for this role, not only would you be providing an invaluable service, but you'd also have the opportunity to engage with the delightful members. They are wonderful conversationalists, and we encourage volunteers to stay for lunch, making it a truly enjoyable and interactive experience. To fulfil this task, a car would be ideal, but if you have a cargo bike, that could work too! Join us in bringing joy and sustenance to our vibrant community.

If you're interested in becoming a part of this heartwarming initiative, please get in touch with us! Email info@charteriscentre.com or call 0131 662 6850.

Volunteer opportunity to support TLC youth

TLC Youth is a joint youth group for young people from Augustine United Church, Greyfriars, St Columb's-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 Augustine's and it would be very enriching and of great support if there were adult volunteers from Greyfriars or St-Columb's-by-the-Castle to 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).

Lindisfarne Pilgrimage - Sunday 20 August, 10 am - 4.30 pm

On Sunday 20 August we are heading down to Lindisfarne with our ecumenical partners. A 53-seater coach will leave Augustine United Church at 10 am and will drive to Lindisfarne, dropping off those who want to walk over the causeway by the sand. Bring a packed lunch and there will be a shared service on the island before we head back to the coach at 3 pm which will take us back to AUC.

To register to come on the Pilgrimage, please fill out the form at the following link. It will not only register you for transport, but also be the emergency contact form, so we ask that everyone who is coming should fill it out: [Registration Form](#)

Registration closes on 13 August. The cost of transport is £15 per head (£10 for children, students, and unwaged). Please pay in cash on the day. In addition to the coach, please let us know through the above form if you would be willing to drive your car to Lindisfarne (should the bus get filled) and how many additional seats you could offer.

If you have any problem accessing the form electronically, or filling it in, please just call Rachel Fitzgerald in the AUC office at 0131 220 1677 and she will register you over the phone instead.

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.