

ORDER OF SERVICE - 23 July 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 23 July 2023 – Eighth 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: "Jesu, meines Lebens Leben"

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 189:

1. *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found — we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*
2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight — our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*
3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
No work too hard for him — in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

David Evans

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

1. *Come down, O Love Divine, seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*
2. *O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*
3. *Let holy charity my 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.*
4. *And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

Bianco da Siena, *tr.* Richard Littledale

The Word of God

Romans 8: 12 - 25

Reader: Rus Loten

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

1. *You are before me, God, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand; such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.*
2. *Then from your Spirit where, God, shall I go, and from your presence where, God, shall I fly? If I ascend to heaven, you are there, and still are with me, if in hell I lie.*
3. *If I should take my flight into the dawn, if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore, your mighty hand will rest upon me still, and your right hand will guard me evermore.*
4. *If I should say, 'Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night', surely the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as the day, the darkness light.*
5. *Search me, O God, search me and know my heart; try me, O God, my mind and spirit try; keep me from any path that gives you pain, and lead me in the everlasting way.*

Ian Pitt-Watson

Luke 19: 1 - 10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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

Anthem:

Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright,
drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd.
striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.
Through the way where Hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings,
where the flock in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

Martin Janus, *tr.* Robert Bridges

J.S. Bach

Sermon: Rev Ruth Halley

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

The Offering

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*Glory to God the Father, the unbegotten one;
all honour be to Jesus, his sole-begotten Son;
and to the Holy Spirit – the perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer, 'Amen, so let it be.'*

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 738:

Austrian Hymn

1. *Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.*
2. *See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage –
grace which, like the Lord the Giver, never fails from age to age?*
3. *Saviour, since of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, and all boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.*

John Newton

Benediction

*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: Toccata in D minor, BWV 565

J. S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 27 July	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 30 July	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 6 August	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Holy Communion, with our ecumenical partners Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for biscuits and tea or coffee, served at the back of the church beneath the organ.

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.

Kirk Session meeting

This is an intimation that a meeting of the Kirk Session of this congregation is to be held remotely on Tuesday 1 August 2023 at 6 pm.

In recognition of the diversity of views within the Church about the historic and current doctrine and practice of the Church in relation to human sexuality and in the interests of the peace and unity of the Church, departure from the practice of the Church in relation to human sexuality is permitted in certain circumstances.

The purpose of the Kirk Session meeting just intimated will be for the Kirk Session to decide whether to depart from the Church's practice in relation to human sexuality in order for applications for the proposed Associate Minister appointment to be considered from, amongst others, individuals who are in a civil partnership or a same sex marriage. The decision will be determined by the votes of a majority of those present and entitled to vote.

News from the Ministerial Team

Our Associate Minister, the Rev Ruth Halley, will be stepping down in early August, having been with us since June 2021. 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. Her last service with us will be midweek prayers at 1.10 pm on Thursday 3 August.

Sadly, our organist Henry Wallace is retiring at the beginning of October, leaving not just one but two big pairs of shoes to fill as we also lose Amelia from the choir. After 22 years they will leave a huge gap, but hopefully their musical legacy will be one that a successor will be keen to fill, and advertising for the organist/choirmaster post is under way.

Study Service

This evening's topic is **Mind and heart, soul and body: the image of God in man**. Eastern and Western thought, both separate, in different ways, mind and heart, soul and body, creating a disastrous dualism and fatally warping the image of God in man. The bible by contrast stands for a unitary view of human being which reflects the "un-simple" but wonderful, multiple character of the oneness of God in being and act.

The Study Service meets by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm; for the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

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.

Concerts & Events at Greyfriars

Concert on Friday 28 July by the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland.

Lunchtime concert at 12 noon on Friday 3 August by
George Coghill (baritone) and Gina Baker (piano).

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. You will see that after a quiet July, the Kirk is looking forward to a busy August with nearly twenty concerts during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, ending with a lunchtime concert at 12 noon on Thursday 31 August, a choral recital by the *a capella* trio Simmerdim.

Concerts & Events elsewhere

Augustine United Church – <https://www.augustine.org.uk/about-us/diary/>

St Columba's by the Castle – <https://www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk/>

St Cuthbert's – <https://stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk/>

Grassmarket Community Project – <https://grassmarket.org/whats-on/>

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – <https://www.charteriscentre.com/>

Volunteering opportunities

Sunday morning catering: 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.

Welcoming weekday visitors to the Kirk: 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 11 am and 4 pm. To know more, please contact Steve or Ellen in the office: 0131 225 1900, or email Ellen at communications@greyfriarskirk.com, or see the full description on <https://volunteergreyfriars.com>.

Seniors' Lunch Club at the Charteris Centre: We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who can collect a few pots of food by car from a caterer in Marchmont and deliver them to us at the Centre between 12 noon 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. Email Alex on info@charteriscentre.com or call 0131 662 6850.

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 information next week](#). 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>.

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 link below. 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 closes on 13 August.

[Registration Form](#)

The cost of transport is £15 per head (£10 for children / students / 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

It is great to share news, keep in touch and find support whenever this is welcome or required. 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.