

ORDER OF SERVICE - 9 July 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 9 July 2023 – Sixth 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: “Sœur Blanche” and “Mère Marie de l'Incarnation”, from Suite Carmelite Jean Francaix

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 128:

Coe Fen

1. *How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise, but who am I?*
2. *Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.*
3. *How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.*

John Mason

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 Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 552:

The Flower o' the Quern

1. *Oh, for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!*
2. *Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?*
3. *What peaceful hours I once enjoyed! How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void the world can never fill.*
4. *Return, O Holy Dove! Return, sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.*
5. *The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.*
6. *So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

William Cowper

The Word of God

Psalm 145 (Redux)

Reader: Laura Dunlop

Stillpoint and Centre, Wonder and Way, I praise You.

Eternal Source, Cohering Power, Mystery Beyond our Knowing. What song can I sing that could capture Your essence? I am dumb. Only silence may suffice. Yet try I must, that the generation will know, and the seeking will find and the finding will live with grace and purpose, in peace and patience, with joy and kindness.

The old words clang, their resonance lost in time. Yet the power beneath remains, to tease and haunt, as shackle and lifeline. This is our conundrum: To glimpse eternity in the frail vessels that are words, that our own flesh – equally frail – may tell the story of life abundant.

Hymn 33 (from Psalms 42-43):

*As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

1. *Athirst my soul for you, the God who is my life!
When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God?*
2. *Echoes meet as deep is calling unto deep,
over my head, all your mighty waters, sweeping over me.*
3. *Continually the foe delights in taunting me:
'Where is God, where is your God?' Where, O where are you?*
4. *Defend me, God, send forth your light and your truth.
They will lead me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.*
5. *Then shall I go unto the altar of my God.
Praising you, O my joy and gladness: I shall praise your name.*

Bob Hurd

Matthew 11: 16 -19 and 25 -30

Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

Anthem:

O sing joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feastday. For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

Psalm 81: 1 - 4

Adrian Batten

Sermon

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

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: Tori Graham

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 468:

Blaenwern

1. *Son of God, eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race;
great High Priest who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead,
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.*
2. *Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted, freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of sea and land,
we but stewards of your bounty, held in trust at your command.*
3. *Come, Lord Jesus, reign among us, King of Love, and Prince of Peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
Yours the prayer, and yours the purpose, that your people should be one;
grant from heaven our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.*

Somerset Corry Lowry

Benediction

Organ: "Mère Marie de Saint-Augustin", from Suite Carmelite

Jean Francaix

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 13 July	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 16 July	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 23 July	10.30 am: Morning Worship 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.

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.

News from the Ministerial Team

As most will now know, our Associate Minister, the Rev Ruth Halley, will be stepping down just after the end of this month, 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.

Concerts & Events at Greyfriars

Delphian Recordings from Mon 10 – Thu 13 July
Wedding Service on Sat 15 July

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. You will see that the Kirk is looking forward to a quiet July, followed by a very busy August with nearly twenty concerts during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts will resume at 12 noon on Thursday 31 August with 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:
Summer Showcase, Jul 13, from 4pm – <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 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 by car from a caterer in Marchmont and deliver them to us at the Charteris 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. 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 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 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>.

Charteris Centre

We are pleased and proud to share the news that the building recently won a Gold Award at the Scottish Design Awards. The judges concluded ..." through a 'light touch' approach with simple but effective alterations the building is vastly improved in terms of its energy efficiency, accessibility, functionality and catering to the needs of its diverse users."

If you haven't yet visited the Charteris Centre, a good opportunity comes up this week at our regular coffee morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday 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.

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 6:30 pm 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.

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.