

ORDER OF SERVICE - 13 AUGUST 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 13 August 2023 – Eleventh 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: Andantino in D flat

Henry Davan Wetton

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 450:

Moville

1. *Christ is the world's Redeemer, the lover of the pure,
the fount of heavenly wisdom, our trust and hope secure;
the armour of his soldiers, the Lord of earth and sky,
our health while we are living, our life when we shall die.*
2. *Christ has our host surrounded with clouds of martyrs bright,
who wave their palms in triumph and fire us for the fight.
For Christ the Cross ascended to save a world undone,
and, suffering for the sinful, our full redemption won.*
3. *Down in the realm of darkness he lay a captive bound,
but at the hour appointed he rose, a victor crowned;
and now, to heaven ascended, he sits upon the throne
in glorious dominion, his Father's and his own.*
4. *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.'*

St Columba, tr. Duncan Macgregor

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 fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 540:*Kingsfold*

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*
2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*
3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.*

Horatius Bonar

The Word of God**Acts 17: 22 - 32**

Reader: Hilary Clydesdale

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.' When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.'

Hymn 23 (Psalm 27):

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is my strong refuge, of whom then need I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2. When the enemy came upon me to devour me, he stumbled and fell to the ground.
Though an host of men were encamped against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

3. One thing I ask of the Lord, one petition I seek from him:
to dwell in the house of the Lord, and serve him all my days.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

4. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
There I will offer him the sacrifice of thanksgiving: I will sing and speak praises to my God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Matthew 11: 25 - 30

Jesus said, '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: God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: We are God's work of art – each one of us a precious gem,
a marvellous melody, a potter's delight.

All: *We are God's handiwork – woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion, formed with a craftsman's skill.*

Leader: We are the church of Jesus Christ – diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

All: *We are the Body of Christ – living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.*

Leader: We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about..

All: *We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out
the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us.
We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.*

Amen

The Offering

Tallis's Canon

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

Pastoral Prayer: Alison Elliot

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 565:

1. *My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation;
I catch the sweet, though far off, hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*
2. *Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul – how can I keep from singing?*
3. *What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Saviour, liveth.
What though the darkness round me close? Songs in the night he giveth.*
4. *The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine, since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*

Robert Lowry and Doris Plenn

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

Theodore Dubois

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 17 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 20 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 27 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 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.

News from the Ministerial Team

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 there will be a Bible study on the passage in 1 Samuel 3 of how the word of the Lord came to be revealed to Samuel and how, from Samuel, the word of the Lord came to all Israel. It is a beautiful story from which we can learn much. What is it to “know the Lord”?

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.

Concerts & Events at Greyfriars

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 very 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/>

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.

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>.

Edinburgh Festival for the Sacred Arts – 7.30 pm event **this 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**, the **Scottish Network for Religious Literature**, and our Parish Associate Gillian Couper. 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 that many of you will come along to enjoy it 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 everyone who is coming to fill it out. Registration closes **today**, 13 August.

[Registration Form](#)

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

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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 either by email: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or phone: 07808 472 464.

If you would like to speak to the minister, Richard will be very pleased to hear from you too, either by email: minister@greyfriarskirk.com or phone: 07715 069 041.