

ORDER OF SERVICE - 6 AUGUST 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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**AUGUSTINE
UNITED
CHURCH**

**ST. COLUMBA'S
BY THE
CASTLE**

**GREYFRIARS
KIRK**

**A Three Churches Service celebrating the 21st Anniversary
of the signing of our Ecumenical Covenant**

Sunday 6 August 2023 – Feast of the Transfiguration

Fear is the great enemy of intimacy. Fear makes us run away from each other
or cling to each other, but does not create true intimacy.

Henri Nouwen

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 63 (Psalm 100):

Old 100th

1. *All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.*
2. *Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.*
3. *O, enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.*
4. *For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

Scottish Psalter

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: *Lord, look upon us with the eyes of your mercy. May your healing hand
rest upon us; may your life-giving power flow into every cell of our bodies and into the depths
of our souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring us to wholeness and strength for service in your
Kingdom, through Christ our Lord.* *Amen*

**A celebration of our Three Churches Story
with excerpts from the TLC History
compiled by Marjorie Harding of St Columba's by the Castle**

Hymn 530:

Southcote

1. *One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new keep me travelling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.*
2. *Round the corners of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me.*
3. *As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.*
4. *Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you.*
5. *You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you.*

Sydney Carter

The Word of God**Exodus 24: 12 – 18**

Reader: a member of Augustine United

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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'.*
- 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

Luke 9: 28 – 36

Reader: a member of St Columba's by the Castle

Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Hymn 761:*Iona Gloria*

Gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. (Glory to God in the highest.)

Sermon***The Three Churches Covenant:***

We are united in Christian faith. We believe in one God in whose love we pray, celebrate and worship together. We are all special. We rejoice in our individual strengths and seek to learn positively from our respective traditions.

Focusing on the love which binds us together, we pledge to continue to develop our worship, study and work together. We serve the same community and encounter the same problems. We commit ourselves to work together to establish a united and positive Christian presence in the centre of Edinburgh.

We will respond to the challenges of the future with determination. We look forward, with enthusiasm, to this journey together. We pray that others will join us in this vision. We will praise God, our guide, in all our life's work together. May God grant us grace, Jesus Christ insight and the Holy Spirit strength to grow in this shared covenant. *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.*

Invitation to Holy Communion**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

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.

The Distribution

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Sue MacGregor

Hymn:

Thaxted

1. *Lord, your loving hand is seen in all that you have made so well;
O'er the hills the eagle soars with grace that words can never tell.
Deep within our soul we sense you like our pulse, so very near;
The hands that we hold in life shall chase away our fear.
Yet this world is full of scars and many painful tears are shed,
So we ask your Spirit now to show the paths that we should tread.*
2. *Lead us now to cherish what we have instead of wanting more.
Fire us with that love that Jesus had, who always blessed the poor.
Bend our wills to plough the soil and serve all life by Holy Law.
As we seek to explain the world, fill all our minds with awe.
And help us hear anew the prophet's wise and timely word,
Living justly, loving mercy and humbly seeking God.*

Richard Frazer

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.

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 10 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 13 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 20 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 either in the porch, or 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.

Concerts & Events at Greyfriars

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 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 – 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**, 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 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.

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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 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.