

ORDER OF SERVICE – 12 NOVEMBER 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM
Rev Dr Richard Frazer
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 12 November 2023 – Remembrance Sunday

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: Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

Introit: When you go home, tell them of us, and say: "For your tomorrow, we gave our today."

Kohima Epitaph

Chris Hutchings

Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

All: *we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.*

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

All: *we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.*

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

All: *we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.*

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

All: *the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.*

Leader: So come, let us worship God.

Hymn 161:

St Anne

1. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*
2. *Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.*
3. *Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.*
4. *A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*
5. *Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*
6. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.*

Isaac Watts

Welcome, Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, keep us mindful of all your benefits and heedful of our high calling, that we may yield ourselves in new obedience to your holy will, and live henceforth as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 713:

Gonfalon Royal

1. *Come, all who look to God today, stretch out your hands, enlarge your mind, together share his living way where all who seek will humbly find.*
2. *Come, young and old of every faith, bring all your treasures of prayer, and seek the living Spirit's living breath to realise the truths we share.*
3. *Bring your traditions' richest store, your hymns and rites and cherished creeds; explore your visions, pray for more, since God delights to meet fresh needs.*
4. *Come, trust in God and live in peace, anticipate that final light when strife and bigotry shall cease, and faith be lost in praise and sight. Amen.*

Richard G. Jones

Call to Remembrance

Act of Remembrance

The Tryst

Leader: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: *We will remember them.*

The Last Post

The Silence

The Reveille and Laying of Wreaths

Prayer

Hymn 710:

Repton

1. *'I have a dream,' a man once said, 'where all is perfect peace; where men and women, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all unite, in freedom and in love, in freedom and in love.'*
2. *But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade; reality seems dark as night, we catch but glimpses of the light Christ sheds on humankind.*
3. *Fierce persecution, war, and hate are raging everywhere; God calls us now to pay the price through struggles and through sacrifice of standing for the right.*
4. *So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but never be content; for thoughts and words don't ease the pain: unless there's action, all is vain; faith proves itself in deeds.*
5. *Lord, give us vision, make us strong, help us to do your will; don't let us rest until we see your love throughout humanity uniting us in peace.*

Pamela J. Pettitt

The Word of God

Micah 4: 1 - 8

Reader: Rus Loten

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. On that day, says the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those whom I have afflicted. The lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion now and for evermore. And you, O tower of the flock, hill of daughter Zion, to you it shall come, the former dominion shall come, the sovereignty of daughter Jerusalem.

Psalm 46 (Redux, by Carla Grosch-Miller)

Sheltering God, I hide myself in You. Head swathed and bowed, I listen for the still, small voice. Strengthening God, in times of tumult and terror, as the earth moves and the horizon shifts, You call me back to shelter and strengthen. Your song is the sighing of trees. Your light is the flicker and spark, knowing and unknowing. Your power is in the greening and its passing. Those with ears to hear, listen. Those with eyes to see, look. War and peace, trembling and tenderness, all that we create and all that we destroy hold a holiness we do not understand. Illumine our being, that our doing might manifest You.

Anthem:

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth and received praise that will never die,
and a home in the minds of men. Their story lives on without visible symbol,
woven into the stuff of other men's lives.

Pericles of Athens

Peter Aston

Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Jesus said, 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.

We praise God the Father who created the universe and keeps it in being.

*He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy, living together
in justice and peace, caring for his world and for each other.*

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

*He became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known
God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin,
offering healing and wholeness to all. By his death on the cross and by his resurrection, He
has triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.*

We trust God the Holy Spirit: who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church;

*who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness. The Spirit
guides us in our understanding of the Bible, renews us in the sacraments,
and calls us to serve God in the world.*

*We rejoice in the gift of eternal life: we have sure and certain hope of resurrection
through Christ, and we look for his coming again to judge the world.*

*Then all things will be made new; and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,
through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, one God, blessed for ever.*

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 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

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: 'Nimrod'

Edward Elgar

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Remembrance Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 16 November	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 19 November	10.30 am: Morning Worship (Stewardship Service) 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 26 November	10.30 am: Holy Communion 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. If you are new to the Kirk, visiting after some time away, or do not know anyone yet, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service; and if you would like to join in the friendly conversations at the tables over coffee or tea, we look forward to getting to know you.

Giving with Gift Aid or by card

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.

If you would prefer to make your offering by card, rather than cash, there is now a card reader at the kitchen hatch at the back of the church, which links to the Kirk's bank account.

Thank you so much for your support, which we depend on to maintain the life of the Kirk.

Study Service

The Study Service this evening will be a meeting by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

For the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The next lunchtime concert at 12 noon on Thursday week, 23 November, will be given by senior pupils from Fettes College. Admission is free.

Concerts and 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/>, especially the traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols from 7 pm to 8 pm on Sunday 17 December.

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

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – <https://www.charteriscentre.com/>, especially the Coffee Mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon this Thursday, 16 November, and fortnightly thereafter.

Come and Sing!

At the Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Karl Jenkins, The Armed Man, on Saturday 25 November, from 10 am to 5 pm. Come and join in this free, day workshop open to all, led by the fabulous Neil Metcalfe, with accompaniment by Stuart Hope. Part of the "Find Your Voice" programme, open to everyone, no matter what your skill and experience with singing, you are very welcome to come along and join in. Sign up here:

<https://www.cizenticket.com/events/greyfriars-charteriscentre/come-and-sing/>.

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.

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Greyfriars Kirk and St Cuthbert's – Working Toward Union

Last Saturday, 4 November, 40 representatives from the two Kirk Sessions of Greyfriars Kirk and St Cuthbert's met for a first joint event. This provided an opportunity to get to know each other, get to know each other's churches, how the congregations have developed and their present context, and start to think about the work that lies ahead as we progress toward union. It was an encouraging, convivial event led by Place for Hope. Many similarities were discovered, e.g. enjoyment of musical liturgy, and an inclusive welcome and reaching out to local communities, particularly those on the edge. Many concerns were shared too, including ensuring that the "best of both" churches contribute to the union, developing a sustainable financial approach for activities, and working through coming changes together with positivity,

The joint working group, with representatives of both congregations, will meet early in December, after consideration of all the output from this event, to formulate proposals for taking things forward. This will involve creating opportunities for wider congregations, both members of the churches and others who regularly attend, representatives of the ecumenical community and other partnerships, and the valued staff teams, to get involved and have their say too. More news will be shared as plans develop. As ever, please do get in touch if you would like to have a chat about any of this. Whether you'd like to share your own concerns, make suggestions about things to consider or just have a chat, either Gillian (parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com) and Jo (sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com) will be very pleased to speak to you, so drop them an email or call the Kirk office on 0131 225 1900.

Volunteering opportunity

Concert Stewarding: as Christmas approaches, the Kirk's musical programme becomes ever busier, with concerts by the SCOChorus and the best local choirs and orchestras, appealing to all tastes in music. Each concert needs three volunteer Stewards. Besides offering a Greyfriars friendly face, their essential task is to sit by the exits in case of emergency. There is nothing arduous, as all the scene-shifting afterwards is now done by our loyal paid staff. It's a great opportunity to hear some wonderful performances at no cost, while supporting Greyfriars Outreach. Contact Steve Lister on 0131 225 1900 or outreach@greyfriarskirk.com

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 will be very pleased to hear from you too: by phone on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com.