

ORDER OF SERVICE - 02 June 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Simon Hessett, Probationer Minister
Sue MacGregor Probationer Minister
Caroline Cradock Organist



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 02 June 2024 – Second 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: Cloister Garth

Herbert Brewer

Introit:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessèd unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soilèd face with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee of both to be but one,
That through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9th century, tr. John Cosin (1594-1672)

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Welcome and Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Hymn 97 (Psalm 139):

1. *O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me: ever the maker and keeper of my days.*
2. *You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me: in every moment of life or death, you are.*
3. *Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future, too.*
4. *Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: even the darkness is radiant in your sight.*
5. *For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: safe in your hands, all creation is made new.*

Bernadette Farrell

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. Grant us your grace, both to hear and to do what you command, that darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 356:

This is your God

- 1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity, in perfect harmony – the man who is God:
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity, kneels in humility and washes our feet.
Oh, what a mystery – meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God!*
- 2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence, yet learns obedience to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice –
and, as they crucify, prays 'Father, forgive'.*
- 3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, love indestructible in frailty appears:
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.*

Graham Kendrick

The Word of God

Deuteronomy Ch5: 12 - 15

Reader: Bob Walker

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day

Hymn 606:

Stuttgart

- 1. Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders, unmistakable and clear,
Mighty signs that show your presence, overcoming doubt and fear.*
- 2. Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers, still and small and scarcely heard;
Only those who want to listen catch the all-important word.*
- 3. Lord, you sometimes speak in silence, through our loud and noisy day;
We can know and trust you better when we quietly wait and pray.*
- 4. Lord, you sometimes speak in Scripture, words that summon from the page,
Shown and taught us by your Spirit with fresh light from every age.*
- 5. Lord, you always speak in Jesus, always new yet still the same:
Teach us now more of our Saviour, make our lives display his Name.*

Christopher Martin Idle

Mark Ch2: 23 – Ch3: 6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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: Simon Hessett (Probationer Minister, Mayfield Salisbury)

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Amen

The Offering

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*Lord of life, we come to you.
Lord of all, our Saviour be;
Come to bless and to heal with the light of your love.
Through the days of doubt and toil,
In our joy and in our pain,
Guide our steps in your way, make us one in your love.*

Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer: Catherine Alexander

***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 536:

St Leonards

1. *May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day.
By his love and power controlling all I do or say.*
2. *May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his power*
3. *May the peace of God my Father in my life for ever reign;
That I may be calm to comfort those in grief, or pain.*
4. *May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self denying, this is victory.*
5. *May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Drawing all my strength from Jesus as I onward go.*

Katie Barclay Wilkinson

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Introduction and Fugato

Herbert Brewer

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 06 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 09 June	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 16 June	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

We are delighted to welcome Simon Hessett as our preacher this morning. Simon is a Probationer Minister at Mayfield Salisbury. Some of you may remember him when he was with us as a student in the summer of 2022.

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 know you.

Giving by Gift Aid, Card or Standing Order

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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The regular lunchtime concerts continue this Thursday, 06 June, at 12 noon with a choral recital by McIntosh High Schools

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/>

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

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – <https://www.charteriscentre.com/> especially the regular Coffee Morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday, 13 June, and fortnightly thereafter.

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.

Greyfriars & St Cuthbert's Update

The joint working group are producing a newsletter each month to share things that have been achieved to date, what we are working on, and where we are on the journey toward union. Please take a copy of the **third** edition which is available today on the table under the organ gallery, or you can find it on the Kirk web site. There is also a suggestions box on the table for your feedback, or for any of your suggestions or concerns. Please put your name on the back of the slip so that we can respond directly back to you. And, of course, anyone is welcome to get in touch with Gillian at gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk or with Jo at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com to chat about things, or to leave a message with the Kirk office at 0131 225 1900 for either Gillian or Jo to call them back.

There will be more joint services and events with St Cuthbert's in 2024, so do attend a service at St Cuthbert's sometime to get to know the folk there.

News from the Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

Rev Dr Karen Campbell is Interim Moderator of Greyfriars Kirk Session. Ministry at Greyfriars Kirk is led by Probationer Minister Sue MacGregor, with assistance from Gillian Couper, Candidate for Ministry, Bert Kerrigan, Church of Scotland Reader and other members of the congregation. If you would like to get in touch for any reason, to hear about how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to share a cup of tea and a chat, you will be very welcome. Please contact the Kirk office by phone (0131 225 1900) or by email (minister@greyfriarskirk.com; contact@greyfriarskirk.com)

