

ORDER OF SERVICE - 26 May 2024

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**MINISTRY TEAM**

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GREYFRIARS

*life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 26 May 2024 – Trinity 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](https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv).

**Organ:** Méditation

Maurice Duruflé

**Introit:** O trinity, most blessed light, o Unity of sov'reign might!  
As now the fiery sun departs, shed thou thy beams within our hearts.  
To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise,  
Thee may our souls forevermore in lowly reverence adore.  
All praise to God the Father be, all praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whom with the Spirit we adore, for ever and for evermore. Amen.

St. Ambrose, *tr.* J.M. Neale & others

C. Kenneth Turner

**Call to Worship:** Sue MacGregor

**One:** Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**All:** *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.*

**One:** worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness.

**All:** *The voice of the LORD is over the waters.*

**One:** The LORD gives strength to his people;

**All:** *the LORD blesses his people with peace.*

**One:** Our Triune God who created all things is with us.

**All:** *God the Creator speaks to us. God the Son, the Word incarnate, intercedes for us.  
God the Spirit, the breath of God, is in us and among us.*

**One:** Come, let us worship God.

**Hymn 124:**

*Lobe den Herren*

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;  
come all who hear, into his presence draw near, joining in glad adoration.*
- Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,  
shields you from harm and is gently but firmly sustaining.  
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted by God's wise ordaining?*

3. *Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do: God will for ever befriend you.*
4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly for ever adore him.*

Joachim Neander, tr. Catherine Winkworth

### **Welcome and Call to Prayer**

**Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon:** Gillian Couper

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

**Collect for the Day:** *Almighty and eternal God, through your Word and Spirit you created all things. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, you reveal your salvation in all the world. Through your Holy Spirit, you give us a share in your life and love. Keep us firm in this faith, and fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may serve and praise you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Amen*

### **Hymn 153:**

*Faithfulness*

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.*  
*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided – great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*
2. *Summer and winter, seed time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*
3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

Thomas Chisholm

### **The Word of God**

**Isaiah 6: 1 - 8**

Reader: Bert Hutchings

#### **A Vision of God in the Temple**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

## **Romans 8: 12 - 17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **Hymn 535:**

*Monks Gate*

1. *Who would true valour see, let him come hither;  
one here will constant be, come wind, come weather;  
there's no discouragement shall make him once relent  
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.*
2. *Whoso beset him round with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound; his strength the more is.  
No lion can him fright; he'll with a giant fight,  
but he will have a right to be a pilgrim.*
3. *Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt his spirit;  
he knows he at the end shall life inherit.  
Then fancies fly away; he'll fear not what men say;  
he'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.*

John Bunyan

## **John 3: 1 - 17**

Reader: Professor Bert Kerrigan KC

### **Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

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

**Anthem:** Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them  
that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home  
of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Salisbury Diurnal, by G.H. Palmer

William H. Harris

### **Sermon**

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

'Not To Condemn The World'

### **Affirmation of Faith:**

*Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and  
lived among us to fulfil the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.*

*This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements  
about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls  
all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.*

*Amen*

### **The Offering**

*St Magnus*

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

### **Offertory Prayer and Pastoral Prayer:** Rosemary Scott

***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 458:**

*Camberwell*

1. *At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of Glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*
2. *Brothers, sisters, name him with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath!  
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.*
3. *In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
let his grace support you in temptation's hour,  
and his will enfold you in its light and power.*
4. *In his Father's glory Christ shall come again,  
angel hosts proclaiming his return to reign.  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.*

Caroline Maria Noel

### **Benediction**

**Organ:** Praeludium pro Organo pleno, BWV552

J.S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

# NOTES

## **Forthcoming Services**

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>           | 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service                                                         |
| <b>Thursday 30 May</b> | 1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers                                                         |
| <b>Sunday 2 June</b>   | 9.15 am: Holy Communion<br>10.30 am: Morning Worship<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service |
| <b>Sunday 9 June</b>   | 10.30 am: Morning Worship<br>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 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.

## **Gaelic Worship at Greyfriars**

Our weekly Gaelic services are not usually broadcast, but last week's Gaelic service for the General Assembly was an exception. It was an outstanding service in the presence of the Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Shaw James Paterson, with magnificent Gaelic Psalms and the Lothian Gaelic Choir. The link to the recording is the one at the beginning of this order, [bit.ly/greyfriarstv](http://bit.ly/greyfriarstv) and the service begins about 7 minutes into the recording. Please support our Gaelic congregation by passing on information about the weekly Gaelic service at 12.30 and by sharing the link.

## **Study Service**

This evening's Study Service will be the second Bible Study of a series on Colossians, on the topic "The Mystery of Christ and Christian Life".

The Study Service meets by Microsoft Teams from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For details of the link, email Bob Walker at [bob@hebrides.u-net.com](mailto: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 regular lunchtime concerts continue this Thursday, 30 May, at 12 noon with a choral recital by singers from St. Aloysius College.

## 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 this Thursday, 30 May, and fortnightly thereafter.

## BBC Songs of Praise

All are invited to join Steph MacLeod for a celebration of modern Christian music at Charlotte Chapel (formerly St. George's West) in Shandwick Place at 7.00 pm this Tuesday, 28 May. The event will be recorded for a future broadcast in the Songs of Praise series. To book your free ticket, visit [www.lostintv.com](http://www.lostintv.com) or phone (020) 8530 8100.

## 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 [parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com) or with Jo at [sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto: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

The Greyfriars ministry team are Sue MacGregor, Probationer Minister; Gillian Couper, Parish Associate; and Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC, Reader. Later this year, Sue MacGregor will begin a three-year appointment as our Associate Minister, taking us beyond the point of union with St Cuthbert's, when a minister will be recruited to the new united charge.

Sue, Gillian and Bert are pleased to hear from anyone in the congregation or community, 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. If you know of anyone who you think might appreciate some contact from the ministry team too, please do let them know. You can reach them through the church office, 0131 225 1900, or by email: Gillian at [parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com); Sue at [probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com); and Bert at [kerrigan@kerrigankc.com](mailto:kerrigan@kerrigankc.com).