

ORDER OF SERVICE - 5 MAY 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Gillian Couper
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 5 May 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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: Grave and Adagio (Sonata no.2)

Felix Mendelssohn

Introit: Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

(Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in Him who made them, and the children of Zion rejoice in their King.)

Psalm 149: 1-2

Giuseppe Pitoni

Welcome and Call to Worship: Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Hymn 130:

Laudate Dominum

1. *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.*
2. *God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*
3. *'Salvation to God who sits on the throne!' let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*
4. *Then let us adore, and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.
Amen, amen.*

Charles Wesley

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: *Merciful God you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass all understanding. Pour onto our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.*

Amen

Hymn 137: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

1. *Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings.*
2. *The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:*
3. *the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one:*
4. *he gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

Cecil Frances Alexander

The Word of God

1 John 5: 1 - 6

Reader: Isobel Hutchings

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15: 9 - 17

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

Anthem:

Organist: Calum Landon

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

from 1 Peter 1

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Sermon

"I chose you."

Affirmation of Faith:

We are not alone, we live in God's world of which we are stewards.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Amen

The Offering

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*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.'*

Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer: Alison Noble

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 519:

Hyfrydol

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
3. *Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Fuga (Sonata no.2)

Felix Mendelssohn

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 9 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 12 May	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 19 May	10.30 am: Holy Communion with our ecumenical partner churches, Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service, attended by the newly-appointed Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr Shaw James Paterson. 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 26 May	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. 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.

Some people have experienced difficulties setting up new **standing orders** in favour of the Kirk using their online banking. Frustratingly, the problem originated when we were required to change the name of the Kirk's bank account, and it seems to affect payments from some but not all bank accounts. If this affects you, the solution is please to fill in a Giving form (available from Richard Leaver at the Kirk office, FinanceAdministrator@greyfriarskirk.com), for us to process with the Kirk's bank the old-fashioned way.

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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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, 9 May, at 12 noon with a recital given by the Ethan James Quartet.

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 week, 16 May, and fortnightly thereafter.

Music Event

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 on Tuesday 28 May. To book your free ticket, visit www.lostintv.com or phone (020) 8530 8100.

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 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

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; Sue at probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com; and Bert at kerrigan@kerrigankc.com.