

ORDER OF SERVICE - 09 June 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders

Jamie Sutherland
Prof Bert Kerrigan KC
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 09 June 2024 – Third 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: Suite du deuxième ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Introit:

Let the people praise thee, O God. Yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad, rejoice and be glad.
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God. Let all the people praise thee.
Let all the people, the people praise thee.

Noel de Jongh

Call to Worship: Jamie Sutherland

One: Your hand, living God, rests upon your people.

All: *Guide us and protect us as you have in every generation.*

One: Your reign topples the arrogance of the powerful, and places service above power.

All: *Secure us with your love and keep us in your service.*

One: You anointed Jesus as king and servant, our path to true communion with you.

All: *Make us attentive to your word, so that we may share in his risen humanity.*

Hymn 356:

Faithfulness

- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Penitence: Bert Kerrigan

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and merciful God, you have assured the human family of eternal life, through Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 124:

Lobe Den Herren

1. *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.*
2. *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

The Word of God

2 Corinthians Ch4: 13 – Ch5: 1

Reader: Stephanie Rae

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Hymn 87 (Psalm 130):*Martyrdom (Fenwick)*

1. *Lord, from the depths to thee I cried. My voice, Lord, do thou hear:
Unto my supplication's voice give an attentive ear.*
2. *Lord, who shall stand, if thou, O Lord, should'st mark iniquity?
But yet with thee forgiveness is, that feared thou mayest be.*
3. *I wait for God, my soul doth wait, my hope is in his word:
More than they that for morning watch, my soul waits for the Lord;*
4. *I say, much more than they that watch the morning light to see.
Let Israel hope in God the Lord, for with him mercies be.*
5. *And plenteous redemption is ever found with him.
And from all their iniquities he Israel shall redeem.*

Mark Ch3: 20 - 35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

Anthem:

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Sarum Antiphon

William H. Harris

Sermon: Jamie Sutherland

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

*We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
He healed our humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us, dying for us, and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake
of all the world. We believe he will come again*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church , the body of Christ in the world.*

*This Spirit is our soul companion and counsellor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever
presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God.*

Amen

The Offering

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom earth and heaven adore,
Be glory, as it was of old, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer:

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 261:

OLD 124th

1. *Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation,
Spirit of Life, by whom all things are made,
Through the thick darkness covering every nation;
Light to our blindness, come now to our aid!
Your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.*
2. *Races and peoples, still we stand divided,
And, sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;
By wars and tumults Love is mocked, derided,
His conquering cross no kingdom wills to bear.*
3. *Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues confounded,
Nation by nation still goes unforgiven;
In wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,
Building proud towers which shall not reach to heaven.*

4. *Lust of possession causes desolations;
Meekness is honoured nowhere on the earth.
Led by no star, the rulers of the nations
Still fail to bring us to the blissful birth.*
5. *How shall we love you, holy, hidden Being,
If we love not the world which you have made?
Oh, give us purer love, for better seeing
Your word made flesh and in a manger laid.*

Laurence Houseman

Benediction

Amen

*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: Tuba tune

C S Lang

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 13 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 16 June	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Sunday 23 June	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

We are delighted to welcome Jamie Sutherland as our preacher this morning. Jamie is a member of our congregation, and is now studying for the ministry.

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.

Study Service

This evening's Study Service will be the third 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.

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, 13 June, at 12 noon with a performance from Simmerdim, an Edinburgh based a capella trio formed by Frances Cockburn, Ann Landmann and Lucy Carr-Locke

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)