

ORDER OF SERVICE - 16 JUNE 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 16 June 2024 – Fourth 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: Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

Introit: Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.
(*This place is God's handiwork, a mystery beyond price; it is above reproach.*)

Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

Anton Bruckner

Call to Worship

Hymn 233:

St. George's Windsor

1. *Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.*
2. *All this world is God's own field, bearing fruit his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*
3. *For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his storehouse evermore.*
4. *Even so, Lord, quickly, come; bring your final harvest home:
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified, in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home!*

Henry Alford

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 181:

Lucerna Laudoniae

1. *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*
2. *For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:*
3. *For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:*
4. *For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:*
5. *For each perfect gift and sign of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Christ, our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

Folliott Sanders Pierpoint

The Word of God

Ezekiel 17: 22 - end

Israel Exalted at Last

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Psalms 92: 12 - 15

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10 and 14 - 17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Hymn 253:

1. *Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias, we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'*
2. *From those for ever victims of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?'*
5. *God asks, 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'*
6. *Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed, and wrote,
a saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Mark 4: 26 - 34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Anthem: God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer

John Rutter

Sermon: 'Inspired By Love And Anger'

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

*We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend,
redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.*

We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

*We believe in God's resurrection-created world, where all things are fixed,
and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.*

*We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever,
the three in one, the one in three.*

We believe in God.

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

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 320:

Antioch

1. *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*
2. *Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy,*
3. *He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Isaac Watts

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Fanfare on 'Antioch'

Gerre Hancock

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 20 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 23 June	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 30 June	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 know you.

Giving by Gift Aid or 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.

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, 20 June, at 12 noon with a violin recital by Duo Eusebius.

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, 27 June, and fortnightly thereafter.

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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 Jo Elliot at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com or with Gillian Couper at gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk, 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 Rev Dr Karen Campbell of Marchmont St. Giles is the Interim Moderator of the Greyfriars Kirk Session.

Ministry at Greyfriars Kirk is led by Probationer Minister Sue MacGregor, with assistance from Gillian Couper, Candidate for the Ministry; from Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC, Reader, Church of Scotland; and from 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 to either minister@greyfriarskirk.com or contact@greyfriarskirk.com