

ORDER OF SERVICE - 23 JUNE 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 23 June 2024 – Fifth 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: Von Liebe kommt gross Leiden

Flor Peeters

Call to Worship

Hymn 6 (Psalm 9: 7 - 11):

Stroudwater

1. God shall endure for aye; he has for judgement set his throne
to rule the nations equally, justice to give each one.
2. God also will a refuge be for those who are oppressed;
a refuge will he be in times of trouble to distressed.
3. And they who know your name, in you their confidence will place:
for you have not forsaken them who truly seek your face.
4. Sing, then, sing praises to the Lord on Zion's sacred hill;
let all the earth be made aware of God's work and God's will.

Scottish Psalter

Welcome and Intimations

Jo Elliot, Session Clerk

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Penitence

Collect for the Day:

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

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

The Word of God

1 Samuel 17: 32 - 49

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of Goliath; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!' Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.' When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Hymn:

Epiphany

1. *When storms will rage and the dark clouds are gathering,
when lightning flashes and thunderclaps roll,
grant me a peace in your presence abiding.
Offer your blessedness, peace for my soul.*
2. *When courage fails and new fears are attacking me,
when doubts o'erwhelm me and faith might depart,
grant me your calmness, my purpose restoring.
Offer your healing and peace for my heart.*
3. *When many foes with their power are threatening,
when failed resolve makes it hardest to stand,
grant me a hope in your blessed assurance.
Offer your comfort to strengthen my hand.*
4. *When storms are calmed, and the winds have ceased bellowing,
when seas are tranquil and sunshine breaks through,
grant me humility to pause and be grateful,
offering true thanks in my praises to you.*
5. *When storms return, with the skies ever altering,
when waves crash o'er me, and winds tear my sail,
grant me the faith to know you will stay with me,
offering the promise your peace will prevail.*

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Mark 4: 35 - 41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest,
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper

Charles Villiers Stanford

Sermon: "One damned battle after another!"

Affirmation of Faith:

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

*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 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

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 565:

1. *My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation;
I catch the sweet, though far off, hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*
2. *Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul — how can I keep from singing?*
3. *What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Saviour, liveth.
What though the darkness round me close? Songs in the night he giveth.*
4. *The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine, since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*

Robert Lowry and Doris Plenn

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: Carillon Sortie

Henri Mulet

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 27 June	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 30 June	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 7 July	9.15 am: Holy Communion 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, or are 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 tea or coffee, 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 on Thursday week, 4 July, at 12 noon with a recital by the Canadian ensemble, Amabile Youth Singers and Prima.

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, 27 June, and fortnightly thereafter.

Study Service

This evening's service will be the last of the series of four Bible Studies on Colossians, on the topic "The Mystery of Christ" and his word.

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.

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

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