

ORDER OF SERVICE - 28 JULY 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Eleanor McMahon
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Dr Caroline Cradock, Organist



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 28 July 2024 – Tenth 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: Trio; Basse et dessus de trompette; Récits

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Call to Worship

Hymn 547:

Converse

1. *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*
2. *Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer.*
3. *Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you: you will find a solace there.*

Joseph Scriven

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 561:

1. *Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.*
2. *Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*
3. *Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

Frances Jane Crosby

John 6: 1 - 21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

(over)

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

Anthem: O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L.J. White

Sermon: 'Faith in Progress'

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God.

Amen

Hymn 376 (Paraphrase 35):

Rockingham

(and during which, ***The Offering***)

1. *'Twas on that night when doomed to know the eager rage of every foe,
the night in which he was betrayed, the Saviour of the world took bread;*
2. *And, after thanks and glory given to him who rules in earth and heaven,
that symbol of his flesh he broke, and then to all his followers spoke:*
3. *'My broken body thus I give for you, for all; take, eat, and live:
and oft the sacred rite renew that brings my wondrous love to view.'*
4. *Then in his hands the cup he raised, and God anew he thanked and praised,
while kindness in his bosom glowed, and from his lips salvation flowed.*
5. *'My blood I thus pour forth,' he cries, 'to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed, and heaven's eternal grace revealed.*
6. *'With love to all this cup is fraught, let each partake the sacred draught;
through latest ages let it pour in memory of my dying hour.'*

Matthew 26: 26 - 29

During communion we offer a choice of drinking from a common cup (fermented wine) or from thimbles (pale non-alcoholic or dark fermented wine); the bread is gluten free.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Communion

Alexander Guilmant

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 554:

Petra

1. *Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.*
2. *Not the labours of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.*
3. *Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
stained by sin, to thee I fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.*
4. *While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through realms unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.*

Augustus Montague Toplady

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Dialogue sur les grands jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 1 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 4 August	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 11 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

This morning, we warmly welcome the Rev. Eleanor McMahon to share in our worship and our Communion service. Eleanor is part of the Church of Scotland Faith Action Leadership Team, and also the Recruitment and Training Manager with special oversight of Probationers.

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

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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Our regular Greyfriars@12 concert series at noon each Thursday has currently become the **Greyfriars Organ Festival**, which continued last Thursday with a recital (at short notice!) by our own Dr. Caroline Cradock. Do join us at noon this Thursday, 1 August, for a recital by Michael Harris of St Giles' Cathedral. The Festival will end on the following Thursday with a duet recital by Chris Hart (trumpet) and our own Dr Caroline Cradock (organ) again. Admission is free.

Events elsewhere

The regular Coffee Mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre are taking a summer break. They will restart, from 10.30 am to 12 noon as usual, on Thursday 5 September, and continue fortnightly.

Study Service

A study of Ephesians begins at this evening's Study Service with **Ephesians 1**: the shattering implications of the resurrection of Jesus. Ephesians has Paul's fullest, most wonderful account of the significance of Jesus's resurrection and ascension, and its meaning for us.

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

After a lull for a couple of months, while the review of charge at St Cuthbert's progresses and the working group started to investigate various aspects of church life and how these might be brought together, we are pleased to publish the next "working toward union" newsletter, which you can see online at <www.greyfriarskirk.com/greyfriars-st-cuthberts-union/> or can pick up from the table under the organ gallery at the back of the Kirk. While we have always understood that progress toward union in our particular context would take a bit of time to work through, we appreciate too the importance of travelling on the journey together and ensuring everyone is able to contribute thoughts or have space to talk things through. We hope the information that has been provided so far has been of interest. As ever, members of the working group are very keen to hear from anyone with any questions, suggestions, or concerns, or if you would like to just have a chat and find out a bit more. Please speak to either: Gillian Couper, working group co-chair and Greyfriars elder, at <gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk>; or Jo Elliot, working group member and Greyfriars Session Clerk, <sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com>; or reach out to any member of the working group (see the newsletter) through the Kirk office at 0131 225 1900.

The Edinburgh Kiltwalk 2024

This year's Edinburgh Kiltwalk will be on Sunday 15 September. It is Scotland's most-loved walking event with thousands of people taking part and an unbelievable atmosphere. There are three distances available, the 5-mile Wee Wander, the 14 mile Big Stroll or the 21 mile Mighty Stride.

Hannah Crooks, a volunteer with Community Fundraising Scotland, is offering free places on the Kiltwalk to charity walkers who pledge to raise £100 for Shelter Scotland. Each walker will get a fundraising pack with a Shelter Scotland t-shirt to walk in, top fundraising tips, and training guides. Email Hannah at <CommunityScotland@shelter.org.uk> to get a free sign-up code for your chosen distance, and to say how many people will be walking with you.

(notes continued overleaf)

TLC Pilgrimage

On Sunday 18 August, we are heading with our ecumenical partners out to East Lothian visiting ancient places connected to pilgrimages. A 50-seater coach will leave Augustine United Church at 10.00 am and will drive to Whitekirk, stopping at the beautiful red stone church of St Mary's whose origins date back to the 12th century. From Whitekirk, we will go on to North Berwick, with time to potter, explore and enjoy the town before gathering for a reflection near the Seabird Centre. For those who wish, there is the opportunity to walk from near Whitekirk to North Berwick via 4.5 miles of the John Muir Way trail, rather than take the coach. The final stop on the pilgrimage will be Aberlady, to visit the Aberlady Cross and share in a service at the parish church before boarding the coach once more and heading back to AUC for 4.30 pm. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch!

To register to come on the Pilgrimage, please fill out the form as described below. It will not only register you for transport but also be the emergency contact form, so we ask that everyone coming fills it out – even if you're making your own way to East Lothian. Registration closes on Tuesday 13 August. The cost of transport is £15 per head (£10 for children / students / unwaged). Please pay on the coach, in cash, on the day. In addition to the coach, please let us know through the form if you would be willing to drive your car to East Lothian (should the bus get filled) and how many additional seats you could offer.



With a smartphone, you can access and fill out the registration form by scanning this QR code.

Alternatively, you can find the form and the instructions on the Kirk website, < greyfriarskirk.com >, under the heading "Notices and News".

If you have any issues filling in the form electronically, please call Rachel Fitzgerald in the AUC office on 0131 220 1677 and she'll get you registered over the phone instead.

News from the Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

Ministry at Greyfriars Kirk is led by Probationer Minister Sue MacGregor, with assistance from Gillian Couper, Elder and 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>.