

ORDER OF SERVICE - 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

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Sermon
Prayer
Reading
Reading
Organist



SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 1 September – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, and
First Sunday of the Season of Creation.**

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 < <https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv> >.

Organ: Double Voluntary

Henry Purcell

Introit: O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name; from early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart: he makes his mercies known. Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

Psalm 113: 1, 3

Christopher Tye

Call to Worship

Leader: Let God hear the voice

All: *of beloved Creation,*

Leader: of people, of trees,

All: *of birds, beasts and fish.*

Leader: Let life breathe out praise from the heights to the depths

All: *to God the Creator, Sustainer and Friend.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 127:

1. *O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.*
2. *O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*
3. *The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

4. *Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.*
5. *Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how render, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!*
6. *O measureless might, ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, in lowlier ways,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.*

Robert Grant, *from Psalm 104*

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Penitence

Collect for the Day:

Sustaining God of all life: seen and unseen, incarnate in the Earth as Word and Flesh, increase in our hearts your love of neighbours and fellow creatures that our faith may take root, blossom and bear fruit to the good of that same Earth for whom in great love your Son is sent: Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: God with us now, and to the end of the age. Amen

Hymn 122:

Luckington

1. *Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'
The heavens are not too high, his praise my thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'*
2. *Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep the out;
but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'*

George Herbert

The Word of God

Song of Songs 2: 8 - 13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

Hymn 147:

1. *All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Bright brother sun with golden beam, clear sister moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. *Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong, high clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice, and lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
3. *Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright, giving to all both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
4. *Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds God's blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
7. *Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

St Francis of Assisi, tr. William Henry Draper

Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, and 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

Anthem: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears
unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We trust Love who is God: before us, beyond us and urgently now. Maker, Remaker of life, and life's limits. God: working with Earth, God: attending to birth; decisive, co-operative, with seas and with skies. God for justice by choice, to be praised by all breathing.

*We trust Jesus our Friend: Incarnate in Earth; who lives life with creatures; who knows of their frailness: through flesh, blood, and birth and dependence on care. Christ who loves, heals, and warns and repurposes Scriptures; Christ who honours the welcome of God in the stranger; God's wisdom in creatures, our kin. Jesus: welcomed with branches, then nailed to the Tree. Abandoned to Death, Earth alone could receive him.
The third Day Christ rose to Life Renewed: with us as surely as Sky.*

*We trust the Holy Spirit our God; Wild Wind of beginnings: beyond our control yet harnessed for justice; reshaping perceptions. Breath of life; Spirit of healing, forgiveness:
God with us urgently now.*

Amen

The Offering

Tallis's Canon

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

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 470:

Warrington

1. *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his Kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.*
2. *People and realms of every tongue declare his love in sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*
3. *Blessings abound where Jesus reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.*
4. *Let every creature rise and bring the highest honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.*

Isaac Watts

Benediction

Amen

at Hymn 819

Organ: Praeludium pro Organo Pleno BWV552/1

J.S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

9:15am - Holy Communion

10:30am - We warmly welcome the Rev. David Coleman, the chaplain of Eco-Congregation Scotland, to lead our worship on this first day of the Season of Creation, which is a global and ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, and which continues until the feast of St Francis on 4 October.

12:30pm - Gaelic Service

Thursday 5 September

1:10pm - Midweek Prayers

Sunday 8 September

10:30am – Sunday Worship with the Kirking of the Captain, Edinburgh March Riding Association.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 5 September

Greyfriars @ 12: Clare Hoffman (violin) and Chris Bevan (piano)

Thursday 12 September

Greyfriars @ 12: Ciaran McKinven & Isa Nardo (voice/guitar/piano)

Thursday 19 September

Greyfriars @ 12: Chris Flynn (trumpet)

Ordination Service at 7pm

Thursday 26 September

Greyfriars @ 12: Alasdair Morton-Teng (cello) and Jia Ning Ng (piano)

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.

Sunday 22 September – Road Closures

Please note there is a Men's 10k and Women's 10k taking place in Edinburgh on Sunday 22 September and the road closures will affect surrounding areas such as the Grassmarket. As far as we can tell, there will be normal access via Forrest Road. You can view the Road Closure guidance by scanning the QR code, or at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zLBfZfMBCGuR9YLmCGKYW-P_18QCuwSC/view



Greyfriars Charteris Centre: After their summer break, the regular **Coffee Mornings** from 10.30 am to 12 noon will restart this Thursday, 5 September, and continue fortnightly.

Grassmarket Community Project: Tea Dance - Join us for an afternoon of foot-tapping live music, afternoon tea and exciting raffles. Reunite with your old pals and make new ones! **Wed 25 Sep** 1-4pm at Coffee Saints, 2a Little King Street Edinburgh EH1 3AR. TICKETS are £15PP (includes afternoon tea and a raffle ticket) and available from COFFEE SAINTS.

Murder Mystery Dinner - Join us for an evening of suspense, intrigue, and detective work at the Grassmarket Centre. Put on your detective hat and get ready to solve a thrilling mystery with your friends. **Friday 27 September** 6:30pm – 11pm. Tickets available from grassmarket.org/murder-mystery-dinner-at-gcp/ or by scanning the QR code:



Parish Church of St Cuthbert: Scottish Sinfonia Concert, Mahler 9, at 7.30 pm tonight, Sunday 1 September .

Welcome to Mark Harrison

Our Operations Manager Steve Lister has announced his intention to retire at the end of September after 12 years in which he has transformed our Outreach activities. We have recruited as his successor Mark Harrison, who comes to us from Conifox which is an adventure playpark at Kirkliston. He previously spent almost 20 years in Orkney as General Manager of the Pickaquoy centre in Kirkwall, a sports, arts, conference and social facility. Over the next few weeks he is being briefed by Steve and starts with us on Tuesday 1 October.

The Edinburgh Kiltwalk 2024

This year's 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.

News from the Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

Ministry at Greyfriars Kirk is led by our Associate 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>.