

ORDER OF SERVICE - 25 AUGUST 2024

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

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Reader  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 25 August 2024 – Fourteenth 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 < <https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv> >.

**Organ:** No.1 of Tre Tonestykker

Niels Gade

### Call to Worship

**One:** How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

**All:** *This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!*

**One:** Happy are those who find their strength in you.

**All:** *Hear our prayers this day, Living God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!*

**One:** Come, let us worship God.

### Hymn 201:

*Was Lebet, Was Schwebet*

1. *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!*
2. *Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*
3. *Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*
4. *These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the Name that is dear,  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.*
5. *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!*

John Samuel Monsell

## Welcome and Call to Prayer

### Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

#### *Collect for the Day:*

*Almighty God, you have taught us that without love all our doings are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; 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

#### Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

#### *Hymn 489:*

*Down Ampney*

1. *Come down, O Love Divine, seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*
2. *O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*
3. *Let holy charity my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*
4. *And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
we cannot guess its grace, till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

Bianco da Siena, tr. Richard Littledale

## **John 6: 56 - 69**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe. " For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

### **Anthem:**

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*( Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer, born the virgin Mary's Son, who upon the cross a victim  
hast for us salvation won: from whose side, which man had pierced, truly flowed  
thy precious blood, by thy sacred body broken be in life and death our food,  
O merciful and holy Jesus, gentle Son of Mary. )*

attr. Innocent VI

Edward Elgar

### **Sermon**

#### ***The Apostles' Creed:***

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

*Amen*

### **The Offering**

*Tallis's Canon*

*Praise God, the source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who came to earth;  
praise God the Spirit, holy flame; all glory, honour to God's name.*

During the service 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.

## **Agape Meal**

### **Prayer**

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

### **Hymn 763:**

*God bless to us our bread,  
and give bread to all those who are hungry, and hunger for justice  
to all those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.*

## **The Distribution**

**Music for Reflection:** Communion

César Franck

## **The Peace**

### **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 540:**

*The Rowan Tree*

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast':  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*
2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live':  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*
3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright':  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.*

Horatius Bonar

## **Benediction**

Amen

**Organ:** Alla Marcia

John Ireland

(Kirk notices overleaf)

# NOTES

## Forthcoming Services

### Today

12:30pm Gaelic Service

### Thursday 29 August

1:10pm Midweek Prayers

### Friday 30 August

12pm Memorial Service for Dr. Henry Marsh

### Sunday 1 September

9:15am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship for the start of Creationtide with the Rev. David Coleman, chaplain of Eco-Congregation Scotland

12:30pm Gaelic Service

### Sunday 8 September

10:30am Morning Worship, with the Lord Provost, for the Kirking of the Captain of the Edinburgh March Riding on 15 September.

12:30pm 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

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.

## Events elsewhere

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

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 29 August

Greyfriars @ 12: Eve Elizabeth Doyle (mezzo-soprano) and Evie Perfect (piano)

### Thursday 5 September

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

### Thursday 12 September

Greyfriars @ 12: TBC

### Thursday 19 September

Greyfriars @ 12: Chris Flynn (trumpet)  
Ordination Service at 7pm

**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/](http://grassmarket.org/murder-mystery-dinner-at-gcp/) or by scanning the QR code:



**Parish Church of St Cuthbert: Scottish Sinfonia Concert**, Mahler 9, Sunday 1 September 7:30pm.

### **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<sup>st</sup> October.

### **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/](http://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, at [gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk); or Jo Elliot, [sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com); or reach out to any other member of the working group – Anne Bradbury, Maggie Cormack, Jamie Sutherland or Catherine Alexander.

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## **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>.