

ORDER OF SERVICE - 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Sara Embleton
Catherine Alexander
Dr Caroline Cradock

Leader
Prayer
Organist



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 15 September 2024 – Seventeenth 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: Aria

Flor Peeters

Introit: To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. My God, I trust in thee.

Psalm 25: 1

Sergei Rachmaninof

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: *Great is your name. Great is your love.*

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the fields of the trees shall clap their hands.

All: *Great is your name. Great is your love.*

Leader: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: *Great is your name. Great is your love.*

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last for ever; fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: *Great is your name. Great is your love.*

Hymn 105 (Psalm 148):

Wellington Hall

1. *Glory to God above! Heavens declare his love;
praise him, you angels, praise him all you high and heavenly host.
Worship him, sun and moon; stars, complement their tune;
grounded in God's good purpose let his grace become your boast.
O sing hallelujah and praise God for evermore!*
2. *Glory to God below let depths of ocean show;
lightning and hail, snow, wind and cloud perform at his command!
Let every mountain range, forest and grove and grange,
creatures of earth and air and sea praise God in every land.*
3. *'Glory to God!' now sing commoner, queen, and king;
women and men of every age unite to praise the Lord.
Worship God's holy name, and let your lives proclaim
God's saving power extends to those who love and serve his word.
O sing hallelujah and praise God for evermore!*

John L. Bell

Welcome and Prayer

"The Doomers"

Hymn 240:

Epiphany

1. *God in such love for us lent us this planet,
gave it a purpose in time and in space;
small as a spark from the fire of creation,
cradle of life and the home of our race.*
2. *Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,
life that sustains us in body and mind:
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,
riches undreamed-of to fathom and find.*
3. *Long have our human wars ruined its harvest;
long has earth bowed to the terror of force;
long have we wasted what others have need of,
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.*
4. *Earth is the Lord's; it is ours to enjoy it,
ours, as God's stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,
good Lord, deliver us, world without end!*

Frederick Pratt Green

"The grief that trembles into prayer"

Genesis 3, 1 – 13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

Hymn 269:

Song 1

1. *Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way,
guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts, and keep us ever true, directed, strengthened and upheld by you.*
2. *We are your own, the children of your love, your family, with your beloved Son;
come to us, Holy Spirit, like a dove, and fill our hearts that we may be as one;
as one with you, our comforter and friend; as one with him, our way, our life, our end.*
3. *We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one in our love of all things kind and fair,
one with the joy that finds a voice in song, one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one in the power that sets us free from fear to follow truth , and so to find you near.*

John White Chadwick

"Oh, to love what is lovely and will not last"

(Mary Oliver)



Anthem: King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my outmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee;
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert

J.S. Bach

The Offering

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Offertory Prayer, Prayers for our world, and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: God of heaven, your name is to be honoured. May your new community of hope be realised on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the essentials of life. Release us from our wrongdoing as we also release those who wrong us. Do not test us beyond our enduring; save us from all that is evil. For you embrace justice, love and peace, now and to the end of time. *Amen*

Hymn 257:

Vienen con Alegria

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together. Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.
Those who are travelling the road of life sow seeds of peace and love. (sung twice)*

1. *Come, bringing hope into a world of fear, a world which is burdened down with dread,
a world which is yearning for a greater love but needs to be shown the true way.*
2. *Come, bringing joyfully in both your hands some kindling to light the path of peace,
some hope that there is a more human world where justice and truth will be born.*
3. *Whenever hatefulnes and violence are banished for ever from our hearts,
then will the world believe the day is near when sadness and pain shall find their end.*

Guatemalan traditional, tr. Christine Carson and John L. Bell

Blessing:

All: *Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us, the earth that is beneath us,
the friends who are around us, your image deep within us.
Evermore and evermore, bless to us our rest. (from the Carmina Gadelica)*

Leader: And now may God bless you, may God keep you in the Spirit's care,
may God lead your lives with love. *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: Choral and Menuet gothique, op.25

Léon Boëllmann

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today, Sunday 15 September

10:30am – Sunday Worship where we will welcome visiting preacher, Rev Sara Embleton

12.30 pm – Gaelic Service

7pm – Refugio, reflective service with short communion

Thursday 19 September

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

7pm – Ordination Service

Sunday 22 September

10:30am – Sunday Worship with a baptism

Thursday 26 September

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Upcoming Events

Thursday 19 September

Greyfriars @ 12: Chris Flynn
(trumpet)

Thursday 26 September

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

Thursday 3 October

Greyfriars @ 12: Dominic
Downs (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, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service.

We look forward to getting to know you.

Thursday 19 September – Ordination Service



We are looking forward to the ordination of Sue MacGregor as our Associate Minister at a special service in the Kirk at **7pm on Thursday 19 September**. There will be refreshments afterwards catered by our Grassmarket Community Project, and to let us know likely numbers in advance, please sign up (free) by scanning the QR code, or call Ellen McFadzen at the office on 0131 225 1900. The service will also be live streamed.

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 Forest Road. You can view the Road Closure guidance here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zLBfZfMBCGuR9YLmCGKYW-P_18QCuwSC/view or by scanning the QR code.



Events elsewhere

Greyfriars Charteris Centre: The regular **Coffee Mornings** have resumed after their summer break, and take place as usual from 10.30 am to 12 noon this Thursday, 19 September, and fortnightly thereafter.

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 £15 PP (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:



Saturday 28 September – Doors Open Day at The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

There will be a special peal of Bells during the morning. You are all invited to join Sue at 2pm when we will have an opportunity to visit the Belfry of St Cuthbert's (we may even get the chance to ring a bell!)

We're looking for a Tech Team Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to join the team streaming the Sunday services for a time commitment of on average one Sunday per month. The candidate should be comfortable using PC applications such as Word and Excel and full training will be given. The on-line services are much appreciated by those members of our congregation who are housebound or are away from home, and the "tech volunteers" have fun doing the streaming!

If you are interested, please contact Ellen McFadzen (communications@greyfriarskirk.com) in the Kirk Office or chat to a volunteer: Peter Rae, Mike Gregson, or Hilary Clydesdale.

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 will start with us on Tuesday 1 October.

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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 who has any questions, suggestions, or concerns, or if you would like just to have a chat and to find out a bit more. Please speak to either: Gillian Couper, working group co-chair, at <gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk>; or to Jo Elliot, <sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com>; or reach out to any other member of the working group – Anne Bradbury, Maggie Cormack, Jamie Sutherland or Catherine Alexander.

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>.

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