

ORDER OF SERVICE - 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Sue MacGregor
Isobel Hutchings
Alison Elliot
Dr Caroline Cradock

Preacher
Reader
Prayer
Organist



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 22 September 2024 – Eighteenth 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: Fantasia of Four Parts

Orlando Gibbons

Introit: Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

(Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in Him who made them, and the children of Zion rejoice in their King.)

Psalm 149: 1-2

Giuseppe Pitoni

Call to Worship

One: The heavens open. The Spirit descends. Jesus emerges from the river.
A voice echoes: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
Jesus is named. Jesus is claimed.

All: *We come to the water. We remember we are named. We remember we are claimed.*

One: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still - let us worship God.

Hymn 166:

Slane

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Collect for Purity:

Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Word of God

Matthew 5: 1 - 16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.’

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

Hymn 113:

Franconia

1. *God the Father of Creation, source of life and energy,
your creative love so shapes us that we share your liberty.
Teach us how to use this freedom loving children all to be.*
2. *Jesus Christ our Lord and brother, in your cross we see the way
to be servants for each other, caring, suffering every day.
Teach us patience and obedience never from your path to stray.*
3. *Holy Spirit, love that binds us to the Father and the Son,
giver of the joy that fills us, yours the peace that makes us one,
teach our hearts to be more open as we pray ‘God’s will be done.’*
4. *Members of our Saviour’s body, here on earth his life to be,
though we stand as different people, may we share the unity
of the Father, Son and Spirit, perfect love in Trinity.*

Iain D. Cunningham

Reflection: 'Be the Light'

Hymn 485:

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

1. *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.*
2. *In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word rise up, and follow thee.*
3. *O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!*
4. *With that deep hush subduing all our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall as fell thy manna down.*
5. *Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*
6. *Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!*

John Greenleaf Whittier

Testimony

Shirley Bell

The Baptism and Confirmation of Shirley Bell

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

Choir: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

Confirmation Prayers

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you

Response: *and also with you.*

Commitment of the Congregation

Minister: Do you welcome Shirley, and do you renew your commitment, with God's help, to live before all God's children in a kindly and Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ?

Response: *We do.*

All: *We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, and encourage one another in service.*

(The Kirk Session now offer the right hand of fellowship)

Pastoral Prayers

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 182:

Nun danket

1. *Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
2. *Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*
3. *All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven —
the Father and the Son and Spirit — now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Martin Rinkart, tr. Catherine Winkworth

Benediction

*Amen
at CH821*

Organ: Chorale improvisation on 'Nun danket'

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today, Sunday 22 September

10:30am – Sunday Worship with a baptism

Thursday 26 September

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 29 September

11am – Joint TLC Service at Augustine United Church

Thursday 3 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 6 October

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Sunday Worship – Harvest Thanksgiving

3pm – Pet Blessing Service

Upcoming Events

Thursday 26 September

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

Thursday 3 October

Greyfriars @ 12: Dominic
Downs (piano)

Thursday 10 October

Greyfriars @ 12: Ailsa
Aitkenhead (piano)

Thursday 17 October

Greyfriars @ 12: JKL Duo

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 know you.

Farewell to Steve Lister

Next week marks the end of an era as Steve Lister retires as our Operations manager. During his 12 years with us he has overseen no less than a doubling of our Greyfriars Outreach activity in terms of concerts and other events and an explosion in the number of our weekday visitors - with all that these imply in terms of staff management, improving our facilities and equipment and support of our volunteer teams. Both we and the many groups that use the Kirk will miss his steady hand and attention to detail, Steve, we wish you a long and happy retirement.

Steve's replacement Mark Harrison starts with us on Tuesday 1 October.

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, Hilary Clydesdale.

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 on Thursday week, 3 October, and fortnightly thereafter.

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!)

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, at gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk; or 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, the Rev. 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 congregational members.

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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