

ORDER OF SERVICE – 13 OCTOBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 13 October 2024 – Twenty First 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: Prelude on Blessed Assurance

Robert Hebble
played by André Theng, Organ Scholar

Call to Worship

Hymn 557:

St Margaret

1. *O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.*
2. *O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.*
3. *O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.*
4. *O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.*

George Matheson

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 641:

Seek ye first

1. *Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. *Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.*
3. *You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
allelu, alleluia.*

Karen Lafferty

The Word of God

Letter to the Hebrews 4: 12 – 16

Reader Leslie Munro

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints for marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account

Jesus the Great High Priest

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

St Mark 10:17 -31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

Anthem:

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest "Come again, ye children of men", for a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

O God Our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
and our eternal home.

And the glorious majesty of the Lord be upon us. Prosper Thou, O prosper Thou the work of our hands, O prosper Thou our handywork.

Book of Common Prayer

R. Vaughan Williams

Sermon: 'Let it go'***Affirmation of Faith:***

*We trust in God, Spirit of life,
Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
who surrounds us and fills us;
who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.*

*We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God,
our brother and teacher;
who lived in prayer and in love.
Listening to God's voice and doing God's will,
he gave his life in love;
but God raised him to life that is eternal;
and so we follow him.*

*We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit,
God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.*

*We trust in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ,
and the mystery of eternal life.*

Amen

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 and Pastoral Prayer: Alison Noble

***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 606:

Stuttgart

1. Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders,
unmistakable and clear,
mighty signs that show your presence,
overcoming doubt and fear
2. Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers,
still and small and scarcely heard;
only those who want to listen
catch the all-important word.
3. Lord, you sometimes speak in silence,
through our loud and noisy day;
we can know and trust you better
when we quietly wait and pray.
4. Lord, you sometimes speak in Scripture,
words that summon from the page,
shown and taught us by your Spirit
with fresh light for every age.
5. Lord, you always speak in Jesus,
always new yet still the same:
teach us now more of our Saviour,
make our lives display his Name

Christopher Martin Idle

Benediction

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: Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30am – Sunday Worship

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 17 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 20 October

10:30am – Sunday Worship

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7pm – Refugio

Thursday 24 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Upcoming Events

Thursday 17 October

Greyfriars @ 12 Serenna MacLellan
(flute) and Fflur Jones (harp)

Sunday 27 October

Balliol Singers Concert

Thursday 31 October

Greyfriars @ 12: : The Silver Keys
(clarinet quartet)

Saturday 2 November

Pitchcraft Concert

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.

Events Elsewhere

Greyfriars Charteris Centre: The next **Coffee Morning** will be on Thursday, 17 October, and fortnightly thereafter.

Ceilidh for CoCo – Saturday 9 November, 6:30pm at the Grassmarket Community Project



Join us for a night of traditional Scottish dancing and a live auction to raise funds for CoCo's affordable counselling service.

For ticket and event details, visit www.cocoed.org.uk or scan the QR code.

Supporters' Event- Thursday 21 November, 6pm at the Grassmarket Community Project

Drinks and canapes with presentation by Anita Manning. An opportunity to meet and chat with favourite Scottish antiques expert and TV personality, Anita Manning and her team, to enjoy insights and tips on all things antique.



Ticket and event information can be found at www.grassmarket.org or by scanning the QR code.

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 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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