

ORDER OF SERVICE – 20 OCTOBER 2024

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

*life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 20 October 2024 – Twenty Second 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](https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv).

**Organ:** Prelude in G

C V Stanford

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** We come before God as equal in God's sight.

**All:** *God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.*

**Leader:** None of us is perfect and without blemish.

**All:** *Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.*

**Leader:** We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

**All:** *Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us.  
Amen.*

### Hymn 124:

*Lobe Den Herren*

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;  
come all who hear,  
into his presence draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.*
2. *Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,  
shields you from harm and is gently but firmly sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how your heart's wishes have been  
granted by God's wise ordaining?*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do:  
God will for ever befriend you.*

4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly for ever adore him.*

Joachim Neander,  
tr. \*Catherine Winkworth

## **Welcome and Introduction**

Stephanie Rae

### **Call to Prayer**

#### **Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon**

##### ***Collect for the Day:***

*Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Amen*

##### ***Hymn 553:***

*Saffron Walden*

1. *Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that you call us, 'Come to me',  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
2. *Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
3. *Just as I am you will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
4. *Just as I am – your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down –  
now to be yours, and yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.*
5. *Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above –  
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Charlotte Elliott

**Psalm 91: 9 – 16**

Reader Stephanie Rae

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,  
no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.

With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation

**Letter to the Hebrews 5: 1 - 10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,

today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn 694:***

*Servant Song*

1. *Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.*
2. *We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.*
3. *I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.*
4. *I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.*

5. *When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.*
6. *Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.*

Richard Gillard

### **Mark 10: 35 – 45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many' This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### **Anthem:**

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.  
Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest,  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Scottish Psalter, 1635  
arr. C. Villiers Stanford



## 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 Cannon*

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

### **Pastoral Prayer**

*Tori Graham*

***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 644:***

*Thornbury*

1. *O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
be now and always near me,  
my master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.*
2. *Oh, let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me, and within;  
but, Jesus, draw still nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.*

3. *Oh, let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
Oh, speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
true guardian of my soul.*
4. *O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end:  
now give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.*

John Ernest Bode

### **Benediction**

**Organ:** Postlude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons

C V Stanford

(Kirk notices overleaf)



# NOTES

## Forthcoming Services

### Today

**10:30am** – Sunday Worship

**12:30pm** – Gaelic Service

**7pm** – Refugio

### Thursday 24 October

**1:10pm** – Midweek Prayers

### Sunday 27 October

**10:30am** – Sunday Worship with Baptism  
and Holy Communion

**12:30pm** – Gaelic Service

### Thursday 31 October

**1:10pm** – Midweek Prayers

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday 27 October

Balliol Singers Concert

### Thursday 31 October

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

### Saturday 2 November

Pitchcraft Concert

### Saturday 9 November

Heriot Watt University Orchestra &  
Chorus Concert

Today we welcome Rev. Matthew Bicket as our guest preacher.

## 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.

## Study Service - Sunday 8 September

The next Study Service will be a Bible Study on Ephesians 4, one of the key verses of which is v.13 in the passage about Christ's gifts being to lead us all to attaining the stature of Christ and the maturity of his knowledge of God.

**The Study Service meets by Microsoft Teams from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For details of the link, email Bob Walker at [bob@hebrides.u-net.com](mailto:bob@hebrides.u-net.com).**

## Events Elsewhere

**Greyfriars Charteris Centre:** The next **Coffee Morning** will be on Thursday, 31 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](http://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](http://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/](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.

## **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](mailto:minister@greyfriarskirk.com) or [contact@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:contact@greyfriarskirk.com).

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