

ORDER OF SERVICE – 27 OCTOBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 27 October 2024 – Twenty Third 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: Two Impressions

Herbert Brewer

Introit: Oculi omnium in te spirant, Domine:
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno
Gloria tibi Domine, Amen
*(The eyes of all wait on thee, O Lord,
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Glory to thee, Lord Amen)*

Psalm 145: 15

Charles Wood

Leader: I will praise God in every moment,
and through every situation.
Through my words and action,
my life will pay tribute to Him.

All: *Whenever the poor and humble hear of His greatness,
they will celebrate, too!*

Leader: Come and lift up God's name with me;
let's praise His name together!

Hymn 682:

Abbot's Leigh

1. Go in grace and make disciples,
baptize in God's holy name;
tell of death and resurrection,
Easter's victory now proclaim.
Christ's commission sends us forth
to the nations of the earth.
Go in grace and make disciples,
midwives for the world's rebirth.

2. Go and follow Christ's example,
not to vanquish, but to heal;
mend the wounds of sin's divisions,
servant love to all reveal.
Roles and ranks shall be reversed
justice flow for all who thirst.
Go and follow Christ's example,
forge a world of last made first
3. Go in Pentecostal spirit,
many tongues and many gifts;
feed the hearts of hungry people,
spread the gospel that uplifts.
As disciples, teach and learn,
till the day of Christ's return.
Go in Pentecostal spirit,
let God's flame of witness burn.

Mary Louise Bringle

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day:

*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

Acts 2: 38 – 42 and 47b

Reader Bert Hutchings

The First Converts

Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Luke 18: 15 - 17

Jesus Blesses Little Children

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it'

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

Anthem:

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; here would we touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Horatius Bonar

Percy Whitlock

Reflection

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

Hymn 532:

Pescador de hombres
(and during which **The Offering**)

1. Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side I will seek other shores.
2. Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?
3. Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.
4. Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

Cesáreo Gabaráin, tr. Robert Trupia

The Baptism of Miss Julia Swanson

Congregational Commitment:

Do you promise to fulfil your own baptism by living as a welcoming community of God's people, faithful in prayer for those around you – especially for families and children?

All: *We do.*

Hymn 796:

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 his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Invitation to Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We use gluten free bread and today we will receive fermented wine or alcohol-free juice in individual cups. The elements will be brought to the congregation by the elders.

Holy Communion

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: *And also with you.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

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have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

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*

Minister:.....we join with all your people on earth and in heaven, in joyful praise saying:

All: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Power and Might.*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Minister: So, together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Variations on *Ubi caritas*

Denis Bédard

The Peace

Hymn 465:

Slane

1. Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

8th c. Irish, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Fugato

Herbert Bewer
(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

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

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 31 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 3 November

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Sunday Worship

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 7 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers (in the Bride's room)

Sunday 10 November

10:30am – Remembrance Sunday Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Sunday 27 October

Balliol Singers Concert

Thursday 31 October

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

Saturday 2 November

Pitchcraft Concert

Saturday 9 November

Heriot Watt University Orchestra & Chorus Concert

Thursday 14 November

Greyfriars @ 12 Concert: Barbara Jones (mezzo soprano) & Ailsa Aitkenhead (piano)

Sunday 17 November

10.30am - 'Belfry Sunday' Service at St Cuthbert's

Joint service at the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, 5 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh EH1 2EP.

We hope to see as many of you as possible for worship and refreshments afterwards.

NB: Greyfriars Kirk will be open during the usual time of worship from 10:00am for anyone who would like to use the space for quiet reflection.

The Gaelic Service at 12.30pm and Refugio at 7pm as usual.

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after today's service for a chat over tea or coffee and biscuits, 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.....if in doubt, come and see!

Congregational Roll

We record with sadness the death of our longstanding member, Ronnie Munro. We will remember his wife Kathleen, brother Leslie, his family and friends in our prayers. A Service of Celebration will be held at Greyfriars on **Friday 8 November** at **1pm**.

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 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. You can find it online 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.

Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

Our Associate Minister is Rev Sue MacGregor. 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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