

ORDER OF SERVICE - 10 NOVEMBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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Today's Preacher



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 10 November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday

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.

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

(Psalm 46.1)

Organ: Solemn melody

Henry Walford Davies

Introit: Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Salisbury Diurnal

William H. Harris

Call to Worship

Hymn 161:

St Anne

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Opening Prayers

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, keep us mindful of all your benefits and heedful of our high calling, that we may yield ourselves in new obedience to your holy will, and live henceforth as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn:

Love Unknown

1. Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair
this broken earth again?
For this we pray: in every place
a spark of grace to light the way.
2. Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour, O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way we spend our power.
3. Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price;
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory will never cease
to cry for peace and harmony.

4. Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed with healing balm
for inner calm and perfect rest.
5. Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our plough to spears.
Help us to sow love's precious seed
in word and deed that peace may grow.

This hymn was written by Ally Barrett (b 1975)
to mark the centenary of Armistice Day
and the end of the First World War.

The Word of God

Micah 6: 1 - 8

Reader: Victoria Irvine

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

John 15: 1 - 17

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

Hymn 710:

Repton

1. 'I have a dream,' a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite,
in freedom and in love, in freedom and in love.'
2. But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

3. Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.
4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
for thought and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.
5. Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

Pamela J. Pettitt

Act of Remembrance

The Tryst

Minister: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post

The Silence

The Reveille and Laying of a Wreath

"When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today."

(The Kohima Epitaph)

Prayer

Minister: Gather us into your presence now, God of peace. We trust that your
vision for the world is still there behind all the challenges of our lives.
We come today remembering that even in the darkest of days,
your flame of hope and new life flickers, drawing us on
to find the good and to illuminate the world with your gospel of love..

All: *Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Anthem: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or wait, or weep this night,
and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ:
give rest to the weary: bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted,
shield us all: and all for thy love's sake.

St. Augustine

Chris Hutchings

Sermon: 'Greater Love'

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.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rosemary Scott

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 706:

Westminster Abbey

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common search for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan

Benediction

Amen

National Anthem:

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King;
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King!

Organ: 'Nimrod'

Edward Elgar

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30am – Remembrance Sunday Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 14 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

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.

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7pm – Refugio

Thursday 21 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Upcoming Events

Thursday 14 November

12 noon - Greyfriars @ 12

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

Thursday 21 November

12 noon - Greyfriars @ 12

Concert: Dean Garrity (saxophone)

Friday 22 November

7:30pm - Royal Academy of Music Concert

For more concerts and events visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code below.



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!

Volunteers Festive Soiree – Save the Date

As a thank you for all the dedication and hard work of all our Volunteers here at Greyfriars, we would love for you join us on **Thursday 5 December from 3pm** for a festive soiree that we are holding in your honour. This is an open invitation to **all** our volunteers. Please RSVP to Ellen in the office by **Friday 29 November** either by email, communications@greyfriarskirk.com, or phone the office on 0131 225 1900.

Events Elsewhere

Thursday 28 November – Annual Oasis Quiz at St Cuthbert's

Let's get some quiz teams together to represent the Greyfriars Family in this year's Annual Quiz. Teams of 5 max with a suggested donation of £10 a team with all funds raised going to FreshStart! Doors open at 7pm, and the quiz starts at **7.30pm**.

Whether you already have a team in mind or are happy to put yourself forward and be put in a team, please let Ellen know by Monday **25 November** either by email, communications@greyfriarskirk.com, or phone the office on 0131 225 1900.

Let's do our best to provide as good a turn out as possible.

Saturday 7 December – St Columba's By The Castle

Another ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service will be taking place on Saturday 7 Dec at 7pm at St Columba's. Rehearsal at 6pm and refreshments to follow.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre: The regular **Coffee Morning** will take place on Thursday 14 November and continue fortnightly.

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

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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