

ORDER OF SERVICE - 24 NOVEMBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 24 November 2024 – Christ the King

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: Méditation

Maurice Duruflé

Introit: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
*(Where there is caring and love, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear the living God, and love him,
and love one another with a sincere heart.)*

Anon, 9th c

Maurice Duruflé

Call to Worship

Leader: There is a place that calls us apart, summons us beyond, asks us for more.

All: *A place where God is sovereign.*

Leader: There is a place that fractures the norms, splits the standards, shatters the culture.

All: *A place where God rules.*

Leader: There is a place that fosters real questions, engenders honest conversation,
summons our souls' connection.

All: *A place where God holds sway.*

Leader: This is that place. A place that reminds us of heaven, when we let it.

All: *A place where we come together as one.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 132:

St Denio

- 1, Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith

Welcome and Call to Prayer**Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon*****Collect for the Day:***

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen***Hymn 254:**

Song 1

1. O God, we bear the imprint of your face:
the colours of our skin are your design,
and what we have of beauty in our race
as man or woman, you alone define,
who stretched a living fabric on our frame
and gave to each a language and a name.
2. Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate
because our race, our skin is not the same;
where we are judged unequal by the state
and victims made because we own our name –
humanity reduced to little worth
dishonoured is your living face on earth.

(over)

3. O God, we share the image of your Son
whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin,
in his humanity we find our own,
and in his family our proper kin;
Christ is the brother we still crucify,
his love the language we must learn, or die.

Shirley Erena Murray

The Word of God

John 18: 33 - 37

Reader: Emma Richardson

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Revelation 1: 4 - 8

To the seven churches that are in Asia: grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Anthem: Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Sermon

The Offering

St Magnus

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn 685:

A Place at the Table

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!
2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.
3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands kind and wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
4. For just and unjust a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.
5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Shirley Elena Murray

During communion we offer a choice of drinking from a common cup (fermented wine) or from thimbles (pale non-alcoholic or dark fermented wine); the bread is gluten free.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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*

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

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

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

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Adoration

Florence Price

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer: Alison Elliot

Hymn 291:

Kingsfold

1. *When out of poverty is born a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength to stand with head held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait to greet the promised day,
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart. Be blest; prepare the way!'*
2. *When people wander far from God, forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing, their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love the hungry soul will stay,
and so God's prophets echo still 'Be blest; prepare the way!'*
3. *When God took flesh and came to earth, the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman's faith the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low, it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call, 'Be blest; prepare the way!'*

Kathryn Galloway

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Processional

William Mathias

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 28 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 1 December

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 5 December

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 8 December

10:30am – Main Service & Stewardship Sunday

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 12 December

1:30pm – Midweek Prayers

Upcoming Events

Thursday 28 November

7:30pm – EUMS Sinfonia & Chorus Concert

Friday 29 November

7:30pm – EUMS Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday 30 November

7:30pm – Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra Concert

Thursday 5 December

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert: The Ethan James Quartet

Tuesday 10 December

7:30pm – Scottish Ensemble Concert

For more concerts and events visit our [website](#) or scan:



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.

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. 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.

Sunday 1 and 8 December - 20% discount in Greyfriars Gift Shop

There will be a 20% discount for all congregation members and regular attendees at the Kirk gift shop on Sunday 1 and 8 December. The shop will be open for 30 minutes after the service.

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.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre: The regular Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday **28 November** and continue fortnightly.

Saturday 7 December – Taizé Prayer at 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 & 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. 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 Gillian Couper (co-chair) gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk; Jo Elliot, sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com; 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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