

ORDER OF SERVICE - 3 NOVEMBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 3 November 2024 – Sunday after All Saints

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 'Sine Nomine'

Ian Hare

Introit: Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.

Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

(The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and the torments of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; but they are in peace.)

Wisdom 3: 1 - 3

C. V. Stanford

Call to Worship

Hymn:

Woodlands

1. Called to be saints! To walk the pilgrim way,
to rule our hearts obedient by God's grace,
that all our lives in what we do or say
may show Christ present here in time and space.
2. Called to be saints! To blossom and bear fruit;
to sow the seeds of penitence and prayer
that in our lives Christ's beauty may take root
and come to flower in service and in care.
3. Called to be saints! To build upon the rock,
the one foundation that is Christ alone,
one with the fellow-workers of Christ's flock,
together built into one corner stone.
4. Called to be saints! To find our hidden Lord
where conflict grows and sufferings increase,
to learn to speak the reconciling word
which frees the love of Christ to work for peace.
5. The saints are one! The faithful in their day
unite with us to keep our spirits strong,
while we who seek the will of God today
may hope to sing with them th' eternal song.

Alan Luff

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Opening Prayers

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

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son. Give us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who perfectly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* *Amen*

The Word of God

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

Reader: Sharon Barnes

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Wisdom 3: 1 - 7

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

Hymn 111:

Nicaea

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God ever living through eternity.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber

Revelation 21: 1 - 6a

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also, he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.’

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

Anthem:

(accompanied by André Theng)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21: 1 - 4

Edgar Bainton

Sermon: 'Beginnings and Endings'**Affirmation of Faith:*****Called by God: This We Believe***

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe.

*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.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Colin 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 160:

Praise, my soul

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.
4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.
5. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte

Benediction*Amen***Organ:** Placare Christe servulis

Marcel Dupré

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

Sunday 3 November

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Sunday Worship

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 7 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 10 November

10:30am – Remembrance Sunday Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Remembrance 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

Upcoming Events

Saturday 9 November

Heriot Watt University Orchestra & Chorus Concert

Thursday 14 November

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

Thursday 21 November

Greyfriars @ 12 Concert: Dean Garrity (saxophone)

Friday 22 November

Royal Academy of Music Concert

For more concerts and events visit www.greyfriarskirk.com/events 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!

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 regular **Coffee Morning** will take place on Thursday 14 November and continue fortnightly.

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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