

ORDER OF SERVICE - 1 JUNE 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. W. John Carswell
Dr. Caroline Cradock
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Locum Minister
Director of Music
Reader



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 1 June 2025 – Sunday after Ascension

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: Chorale prelude on 'Ein feste Burg'

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Leader: We each come to this service of worship with different thoughts and needs.

People: Enable us to work through these as the service progresses.

Leader: We come to raise our voices in praise of God who sustains us.

People: We do so in thanksgiving and joy for the positive things in our lives.

Leader: We come to listen to the Word of God in the scriptures for today.

People: We do so giving thanks for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: We come to hear the preaching of the Word and to further the depth of our faith.

People: We do so relying on the Holy Spirit to liven our minds and inspire us to service.

Leader: We come to share fellowship with each other
remembering we are part of the universal church.

People: So we will pray for all in our community, our city, our country and the wider world.

Leader: Let us worship God in a spirit of love, peace and joy.

Hymn 438: The Head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

St Magnus

2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.

3. The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.
5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.
6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him,
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer of Approach, Adoration and Confession

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you have raised your only Son to the right hand of your glory, and bestowed on him the name above all names. Assure us that as he reigns with you in heaven so he abides with us on earth to the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and is glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Hymn 473: 'Thy kingdom come!' — on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

Irish

2. But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every hurt be healed:
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad,
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer

The Word of God

Psalm 97

Reader: Sharon Barnes

The Glory of God's Reign

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

He said, 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Hymn 449: Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore.
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!

Darwall's 148th

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall before his feet:
5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

We then shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!

Charles Wesley

John 17: 20-26

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Sermon

Anthem:

God is gone up with a merry noise and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.
O sing praises unto our God, O sing praises unto our King.
Alleluia. God is gone up on high.

Psalms 47: 5-6, 68: 18

Arthur Hutchings

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

Nun Danket

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son and Spirit, now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer: Catherine Alexander

Leader: In all our joys and in all our concerns,

All: may we be ever mindful of the presence of God among us.

***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 436: Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

Guiting Power

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is by the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

Michael Saward

Benediction

Amen
at H819

Organ: *Allegro maestoso e vivace e Fuga* from Sonata no.2 in C minor

Felix Mendelssohn

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events
Sunday 1 June 9:15am – Early Communion 10:30am – Main Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Thursday 5 June 12pm - Greyfriars @ 12 Concert: George Brady (French horn) & Anna Michels (piano)
Thursday 5 June 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers	Saturday 7 June 7:30pm - Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra Concert
Sunday 8 June 10:30am – Main Service	Sunday 8 June 7:30pm – Tennessee Tech University Chorale Concert
Thursday 12 June 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers	Saturday 14 June 7:30pm – The Edinburgh Singers Concert

Find information on services and events on our website or by scanning the QR code.



Rev John Carswell

It is with regret that we inform you that, for personal reasons, John Carswell has announced his resignation as our Locum Minister. This Sunday is his last Sunday with us. John leaves us with our thanks for his ministry over the last 4 months, and our wishes that God will bless his future endeavours.

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.

Prayer Tree prayer tags

The Prayer Tree, which sits at the back of the church (opposite the kitchen, under the organ) is very popular with our visitors. To allow for new prayer requests to be displayed, this tree is regularly pruned and you will find a basket with tags at the welcome desk every Sunday. Please take some tags home after the service to make the intercessions that our visitors have requested.

Kirk Porch

New display screens are now live in the Kirk porch. These screens will be valuable in communicating to our congregation members and visitors, displaying informational content on both worship and other activities taking place in the church. We're pleased with the initial positive feedback, and welcome new suggestions for content.

Parking

The Kirkyard is owned and managed by The City of Edinburgh Council. Thanks to their continuing goodwill, we can park there for Sunday services and for evening meetings. A particular concern to note is over uncontrolled parking which blocks our fire exits and access for emergency vehicles.

Therefore, please:

- do not park in the Kirkyard unless you are leading worship or music or if you need disabled access by reason of impaired mobility.
- do not exceed more than six cars parked in the Kirkyard.
- Avoid parking in the Kirkyard where possible.

City centre parking (for instance on Candlemaker Row) remains free on a Sunday until 12.30pm and every day after 6.30pm.

This illustration provided by the Council indicates where cars can be parked.



Volunteers – Sunday Worship

We're looking to expand the number of volunteers who undertake essential roles in support of our weekly worship. There are various opportunities to assist and become more involved in the worship. Please use the relevant contact information below to get in touch if you can help, even if only occasionally.

Bible reading and pastoral prayers Naomi Stewart Naomistewart23@gmail.com	Welcoming team Jo Elliot sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com Bob Bradley Robertbradley152@gmail.com
Catering team Isobel Hutchings bertishutchings@btinternet.com	Tech team Peter Rae peterwhrae@btinternet.com
Midweek Prayers Shirley Bell Shirley12bell@gmail.com	Choir and music Caroline Cradock organist@greyfriarskirk.com

Volunteers - Opening church to visitors

We're also looking for friendly volunteers to join our Welcomers team.

Greyfriars Kirk welcomed over 100,000 visitors last year, a feat that wouldn't be possible without our fantastic welcomer volunteer team. As the first point of contact for visitors, our Welcomers help to enhance each visitor's experience by sharing knowledge, facilitating conversations, and assisting with purchases in the gift shop.

If you enjoy extending a warm welcome to others and have an interest in the Kirk's history, please consider helping with this important part of Greyfriars' outreach. We currently have shifts available on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Volunteers normally take on one three hour shift per week. Whatever time you can give, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

For more information, contact our Visitor Operations Coordinator, Meg at visitorops@greyfriarskirk.com

Charteris Community Coffee Mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings have resumed – the next is on Thursday 12 June at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

Our Locum Minister is the Rev. Dr. W. John Carswell and our Church of Scotland Reader is Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC.

If you would like to get in touch to learn more about how things are going at Greyfriars, 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 on 0131 225 1900 or by email to either minister@greyfriarskirk.com or contact@greyfriarskirk.com.



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