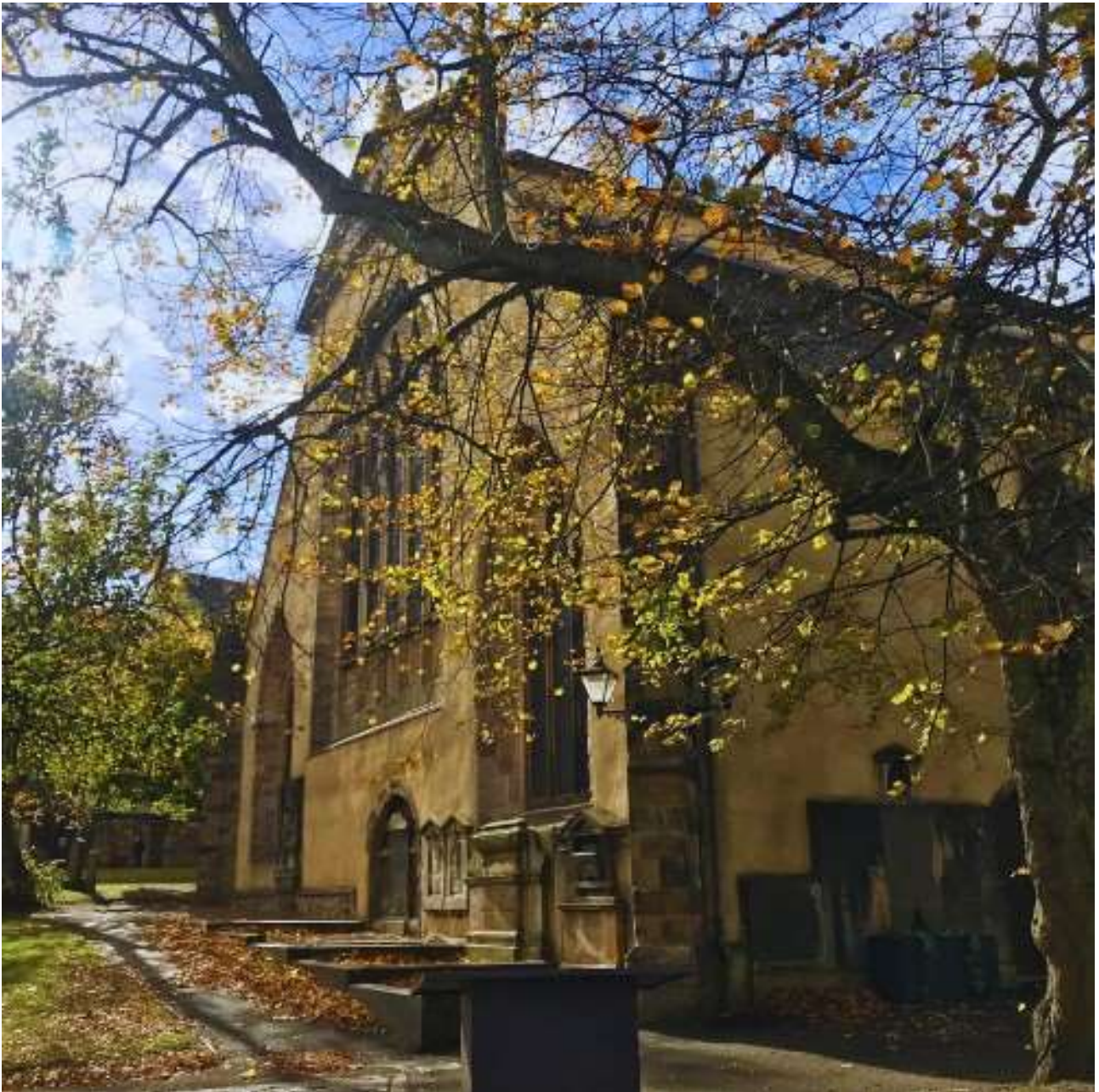


ORDER OF SERVICE - 25 MAY 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK ST CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 25 May 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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: Voluntary in D minor

Henry Purcell

Introit: If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15 – 17

Thomas Tallis

Call to Worship

Psalms 67: 1 – 5

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among the nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Hymn 123: God is love: let heaven adore him;

Abbot's Leigh

God is love: let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.

He who laid the earth's foundation,

he who spread the heavens above,

he who breathes through all creation:

God is love, eternal love.

2.

God is love, and is enfolding

all the world in one embrace;

with unfailing grasp is holding

every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,

then they find that selfsame aching

deep within the heart of God.

3. God is love: and though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees

Welcome and Introduction

Prayers

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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

Collect for the Day: *Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Amen

Hymn 659: Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Dominus Regit Me

2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. And at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.
5. Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Fred Kaan

The Word of God

Revelation 21: 10 and 21:22 - 22: 5

Reader: Isobel Hutchings

Vision of the New Jerusalem

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The River of Life

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

John 14: 23 – 29

Reader: Charles Revolta

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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

Anthem:

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

John Ireland

Affirmation of Faith

We acknowledge and confess that . . . we have two chief sacraments . . . baptism and the Supper or Table of the Lord Jesus, also called the Communion of His Body and Blood. These sacraments, both of the Old Testament and of the New, were instituted by God . . . to exercise the faith of his children and, by participation of these sacraments, to seal in their hearts the assurance of his promise, and of that most blessed conjunction, union, and society, which the chosen have with their Head, Christ Jesus . . . We assuredly believe that by Baptism we are engrafted into Christ Jesus, to be made partakers of his righteousness, by which our sins are covered and remitted, and also that in the Supper rightly used, Christ Jesus is so joined with us that he becomes the very nourishment and food for our souls.

This union and conjunction which we have with the body and blood of Christ Jesus in the right use of the sacraments is wrought by means of the Holy Ghost, who by true faith . . . makes us feed upon the body and blood of Christ Jesus, once broken and shed for us but now in heaven, and appearing for us in the presence of his Father.

We assuredly believe that the bread which we break is the communion of Christ's body and the cup which we bless the communion of his blood. All this comes of that true faith which apprehends Christ Jesus, who alone makes the sacrament effective in us.

Scots Confession, 1560

Hymn 718:

Ye Banks and Braes
(and during which, **The Offering**)

1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.
2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Doxology

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.*

Offertory Prayer

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.

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.

Hymn 559: There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
once for sinners slain;

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.*

Melody Greene

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Adoration

Florence Price

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer: Nigel Robb

***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 675: Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

Gonfalon Royal

2. With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

3, To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

4. Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Fred Kaan

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ: Dialogue no.1

Peter Hurford

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30am – Main Service, joint Communion
with St Cuthbert's

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 29 May

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 1 June

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 5 June

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 28 May

7:30pm - The Gustavus Jazz Ensemble
& Gustavus Symphony Orchestra

Thursday 29 May

12pm – Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:
Chris Baxter (piano)

Thursday 5 June

12pm - Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:
George Brady (French horn)
& Anna Michels (piano)

Saturday 7 June

7:30pm - Edinburgh Symphony
Orchestra Concert

More information on services and events can be found on our website or by scanning the QR code.



Refreshments

Normal catering service is resumed.

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.

Joint Communion Service with St Cuthbert's – Today

A warm welcome to all our friends who are joining us from St Cuthbert's for our joint Communion service today. Well done to everyone who has managed to navigate through the Edinburgh Marathon Festival to be in church.

Notice of Stated Annual Meeting – St Cuthbert's

Notice is hereby given that the Stated Annual Meeting of this congregation will take place at the close of morning worship on Sunday 1st June 2025.

- Dr Hazel Hastie, Interim Moderator

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. It regularly requires pruning to allow for new prayer requests to be added. On the 4th May, John passed the basket containing the current crop to be passed round for members of the congregation to take some tags home to use in their daily prayers. The basket will be at the welcome desk every Sunday prior to the start of worship. Members are encouraged to take some tags home to make the intercessions that our visitors have requested.

Kirk Porch

The new screens are now in place and the content is being added. There will be information about both worship and the other activities in the church, which it is hoped will be valuable to both congregation members and visitors. Initial feedback is good, and suggestions for content are welcome. Please email your feedback to Operation Manager, Mark Harrison at < outreach@greyfriarskirk.com >.

Parking

The Kirkyard is owned and managed by City of Edinburgh Council and it is only with their continuing goodwill that we can park there for Sunday services and for evening meetings. Their particular concern is over uncontrolled parking which blocks our fire exit and access for emergency vehicles. Parking is therefore limited to those with mobility difficulties or leading services, and to a maximum of six cars.

These are the ground rules:

- No parking in the kirkyard unless you are leading worship or music or if you need disabled access by reason of impaired mobility.
- Never have more than 6 cars parked in the kirkyard.
- Default is that we cannot park in the kirkyard.

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

This illustration has been provided by the Council to indicate where cars may be parked.



Volunteers – Sunday Worship

We are looking to expand the number of volunteers who provide valuable essential roles to support our worship week by week. There are various opportunities to assist and become more involved in the worship. We are keen to expand the various rotas so that the demands become less onerous. Do get in touch if you can help, even if only once in a while.

For bible reading and pastoral prayers, contact Naomi Stewart <naomistewart23@gmail.com>; for welcoming at the door, contact either Jo Elliot <sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com> or Bob Bradley <robertbradley152@gmail.com>; for catering, contact Isobel Hutchings <bertishutchings@btinternet.com>; for live streaming, contact Peter Rae <peterwhrae@btinternet.com>; for midweek prayers, contact Shirley Bell <shirley12bell@gmail.com>; and for choir and music, Caroline Cradock <organist@greyfriarskirk.com>

Volunteers - Opening Church for Visitors

We are 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 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 this important part of Greyfriars' outreach. We currently have available slots on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and volunteers normally take on one 3-hour shift per week; whatever time you can give, we'd be delighted to hear from you. For more information, contact Meg at visitorops@greyfriarskirk.com

Charteris Community Coffee Mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings have resumed – the next is on Thursday 29th May, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

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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 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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