

ORDER OF SERVICE - 19 MAY 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Sue MacGregor
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Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

**AUGUSTINE
UNITED
CHURCH**

**ST. COLUMBA'S
BY THE
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 19 May 2024 - Pentecost

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.

Today's Service of Joint Worship is led by Sue MacGregor (Probationer Minister, Greyfriars Kirk) with Rev Fiona Bennett (Minister of Augustine United Church) and Rev David Paton-Williams (Rector of St Columba's by the Castle).

Today's Organist and Choirmaster is Dr Caroline Cradock.

Organ: Sonata no. 4, movement 1

Josef Rheinberger

Introit: We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.
O God, according to Thy name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia.
O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen, amen.

Psalms

William McKie

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come as the robin in the morning,
awakening our hearts with your song.

Come as the dove in the evening, bringing blessing and peace.

Come as the blackbird at noonday, gladdening your world with joy.

All: *Come to us as we come to worship, that we may sing to the Creator, seek healing
for the wounds of creation, and find peace in our prayer and praise!*

Hymn 581:

Salve Festa Dies

*Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
day when the Lord from heaven shone on the world with his grace.*

- Lo! in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord foretold suddenly, swiftly, descends.*
- Forth from the Father he comes with his sevenfold mystical dowry,
pouring on human souls infinite richness of God.*
- Hark! In a hundred tongues Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
preach to a hundred tribes Christ and his wonderful works.*
- Praise to the Spirit of life, all praise to the fount of our being,
light that now lightens all, life that in all now abides.*

14th c, tr. Gabriel Gillett

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Sue MacGregor

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

Collect for the Day: *Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit and opening the way of life eternal to every race and nation. Keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Hymn 596:

Trentham

- 1 *Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*
2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.*
3. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me glows with your holy fire.*
4. *Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.*

Edwin Hatch

Time with young people

Rev Fiona Bennett

The Word of God

Acts 2: 1 - 21

Reader: Moira Holmes, AUC

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hymn 590:

Yr Hun Gân

1. *Holy Spirit, gift bestower, breathe into our hearts today.
Flowing water, dove that hovers, Holy Spirit, guide our way.
Love inspirer, joy releaser, Spirit, take our fears away.
Reconciler, peace restorer, move among us while we pray.*
2. *Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer, wisdom bringer, light our way.
Fire that dances, wind that whispers, Holy Spirit, come today.
Ease disturber, comfort bearer, move among us while we pray.
Truth revealer, faith confirmer, rest within our hearts today.*

John 15: 26 – 27 and 16: 4b - 15

Reader from St Columba's by the Castle

Jesus said, 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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

Anthem: Be thou a bright flame before me, be thou a guiding star above me,
be thou a smooth path below me, be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight and evermore. Amen, amen.

Prayer of St. Columba

Chris Hutchings

Sermon

Sue MacGregor

The Three Churches Covenant:

We are united in Christian faith. We believe in one God in whose love we pray, celebrate and worship together. We are all special. We rejoice in our individual strengths and seek to learn positively from our respective traditions.

Focusing on the love which binds us together, we pledge to continue to develop our worship, study and work together. We serve the same community and encounter the same problems. We commit ourselves to work together to establish a united and positive Christian presence in the centre of Edinburgh.

*We will respond to the challenges of the future with determination.
We look forward, with enthusiasm, to this journey together.
We pray that others will join us in this vision. We will praise God, our guide,
in all our life's work together. May God grant us grace, Jesus Christ insight
and the Holy Spirit strength to grow in this shared covenant.*

Amen

Hymn 600:

Skye Boat Song
(and during which, **The Offering**)

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love.*

- 1 *You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.*
2. *Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.*

Margaret Old

Hymn 806:

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

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 liturgy for communion is based on the *'Wee Worship Book'*, 5th ed., by Wildgoose Publications.

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: Choral varié sur le theme du 'Veni creator'
(variations 1-3) - Méditation

Maurice Duruflé
(Dr. Caroline Cradock, organ)

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer and **Prayer for the work of our Three Local Churches:** Prof. Bert Kerrigan
KC

Hymn 606:

Stuttgart

1. *Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders, unmistakable and clear,
mighty signs that show your presence, overcoming doubt and fear.*
2. *Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers, still and small and scarcely heard;
only those who want to listen catch the all-important word.*
3. *Lord, you sometimes speak in silence, through our loud and noisy day;
we can know and trust you better when we quietly wait and pray.*
4. *Lord, you sometimes speak in Scripture, words that summon from the page,
shown and taught us by your Spirit with fresh light for every age.*
5. *Lord, you always speak in Jesus, always new yet still the same:
teach us now more of our Saviour, make our lives display his Name.*

Christopher Martin Idle

Blessing

All: *May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.*

Organ: Dialogue no.1

Peter Hurford

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service, attended by the Moderator. 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 23 May	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 26 May	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 2 June	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

After the service, all are invited to Augustine United Church on George IV Bridge for biscuits, cake, and tea or coffee, while the Greyfriars catering team will be preparing a light buffet for the many extra visitors to our Gaelic service at 12.30 pm which is to be attended by the newly-appointed Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr Shaw James Paterson.

Giving by Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk with a cash offering during the service, do please use the Gift Aid envelopes that you will find in the backs of the chairs. If you are a UK taxpayer we can reclaim a further 25p in the £ by way of tax refund, without cost to yourself. If you have already completed an envelope in full on a previous occasion, or completed a Gift Aid declaration, you need only fill in your name and the amount.

Edinburgh Marathon – Sunday 26 May

For this year's Edinburgh Marathon, both Forrest Road and George IV Bridge will be closed to vehicles all day. However, the one-way restriction on Candlemaker Row will be **suspended**, which will allow vehicles to access the Kirk from the Cowgate or Grassmarket. Access on foot to avoid crossing the race route will be via Guthrie Street, Cowgate, and Candlemaker Row, or via George Square, Middle Meadow Walk and Forrest Road.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The regular lunchtime concerts continue this Thursday, 23 May, at 12 noon with a piano recital by Liam Meunier.

Concerts and Events elsewhere

Augustine United Church – <https://www.augustine.org.uk/about-us/diary/>

St Columba's by the Castle – <https://www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk/>

St Cuthbert's – <https://stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk/>

Grassmarket Community Project – <https://grassmarket.org/whats-on/>

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – <https://www.charteriscentre.com/> especially the regular Coffee Morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday week, 30 May, and fortnightly thereafter.

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BBC Songs of Praise

All are invited to join Steph MacLeod for a celebration of modern Christian music at Charlotte Chapel (formerly St. George's West) in Shandwick Place at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 28 May. The event will be recorded for a future broadcast in the Songs of Praise series. To book your free ticket, visit www.lostintv.com or phone (020) 8530 8100.

Guerilla Peace

The University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy and their Associate Chaplain Dr Urzula Glienecke have set up a web site <https://guerillapeaceukraine.org> to answer the call to "Light up our hearts for Ukraine"; they invite you to visit it to share the solidarity, vigilance, and hope, wherever you are in the world at any time and from anywhere.

Greyfriars & St Cuthbert's Update

The joint working group are producing a newsletter each month to share things that have been achieved to date, what we are working on, and where we are on the journey toward union. Please take a copy of the **third** edition which is available today on the table under the organ gallery, or you can find it on the Kirk web site. There is also a suggestions box on the table for your feedback, or for any of your suggestions or concerns. Please put your name on the back of the slip so that we can respond directly back to you. And, of course, anyone is welcome to get in touch with Gillian at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or with Jo at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com to chat about things, or to leave a message with the Kirk office at 0131 225 1900 for either Gillian or Jo to call them back.

There will be more joint services and events with St Cuthbert's in 2024, so do attend a service at St Cuthbert's sometime to get to know the folk there.

News from the Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

The Greyfriars ministry team are Sue MacGregor, Probationer Minister; Gillian Couper, Parish Associate; and Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC, Reader. Later this year, Sue MacGregor will begin a three-year appointment as our Associate Minister, taking us beyond the point of union with St Cuthbert's, when a minister will be recruited to the new united charge.

Sue, Gillian and Bert are pleased to hear from anyone in the congregation or community, 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. If you know of anyone who you think might appreciate some contact from the ministry team too, please do let them know. You can reach them through the church office, 0131 225 1900, or by email: Gillian at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com; Sue at probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com; and Bert at kerrigan@kerrigankc.com.