



GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's

The Revd Dr George Whyte

Interim Moderator

Mr Graham MacLagan

Director of Music

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Thanksgiving during the Edinburgh Festivals
Sunday 16 August 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**. This morning, we also give thanks to God for the arts, and all artists and musicians, during the period of the Edinburgh Festivals.

This morning, **Mr Graham MacLagan**, Director of Music and Elder of St Cuthbert's, leads our worship. We also welcome **Mr Graeme Brownlee** as Organist and Choirmaster.

Hymns are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if there is not a hymnbook (purple Church Hymnary) near your seat.

The text of the **Psalm** can be found in this Order of Service. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if you would like a copy.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

All our services are available for viewing at any time on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast, please make your wishes known.



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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Songs of praise the angels sang,
heaven with alleluyas rang,
when creation was begun,
with God spake and it was done.

And will man alone be dumb
till God's glorious kingdom come?
No, the Church delights to raise
psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

The New English Hymnal, Hymn 451: 1, 4
Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Music: 'Northampton', C.J. King (1859-1934)

OPENING SENTENCE

Let us be filled with the Spirit of God –
with wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and skills,
to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts for the Lord.

based on Exodus 35: 31-33

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

203 When, in our music, God is glorified

First Tune

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

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

please be seated

COLLECT FOR ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS

**O God, the saints and angels
delight to worship you in heaven:
be ever present with all your servants
who seek through art, music, and dramatic performance
to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth;
and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty,
and make them worthy to behold it for evermore;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

185 Come, children, join and sing

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 31: 1–11

EPISTLE

Colossians 3: 1-17

PSALM 150

Praise ye the Lord. God's praise within Tune at Hymn 473
his sanctuary raise;
and to him in the firmament
of his pow'r give ye praise.

Because of all his mighty acts,
with praise him magnify:
O praise him, as he doth excel
in glorious majesty.

Praise him with trumpet's sound; his praise
with psaltery advance:
With timbrel, harp, stringed instruments,
and organs, in the dance.

Praise him on cymbals loud; him praise
on cymbals sounding high.
Let each thing breathing praise the Lord.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

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

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 150

THE GOSPEL St Matthew 5: 13–16

ALLELUIA *the music can be found at Hymn 751*

THE SERMON Mr Graham Maclagan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM Bless, O Lord, us thy servants
who minister in thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips,
we may believe in our hearts;
and what we believe in our hearts,
we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text: The Royal School of Church Music Chorister's Prayer
Music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b.1971)

THE APOSTLES' CREED *the text can be found at Hymn 628*

HYMN **247 Moved by the Gospel**

PRAYERS OF
INTERCESSION *One of the following responses may be used:*
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

THE OFFERING *is collected, and received during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY **Sing to God the Father, all creation,** Hymn 817
sing to God his dear and only Son,
sing to God the loving Spirit,
sing with joy to God, one God, for evermore.
Sing to the Lord, sing Alleluia,
sing to the Lord, sing with joy!

SURSUM CORDA

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.

PRAYERS OF
THANKSGIVING and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)

DISMISSAL HYMN

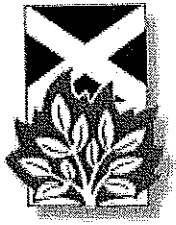
498 Angel voices ever singing

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL



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Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

On this Sunday, we give thanks for the gift of creativity and pray for all who work in the arts, especially those who are involved in sacred arts. We also remember those who have little or no access to the arts, and pray for greater opportunities for everyone throughout the world. May creativity inspire wonder, express truth, deepen faith, and help us glimpse the beauty of God.

Today

We welcome our Director of Music, Mr Graham Maclagan, to lead our worship today.

Sunday 23rd August: Guest Preacher

We welcome back Revd Suzie Stark as preacher and leader for our Sunday Worship on 23rd August.

Sunday 30th August: Monthly Communion with Greyfriars Kirk

Please join us for our Monthly Service of Holy Communion at the end of the month. This is a Joint Service with Greyfriars, held here at St Cuthbert's. All are welcome to join with us for this service.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat. Throughout the Festival, these will be held in the Melrose Room.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

29 th August	11am-2pm (In Lindisfarne Room)
26 th September	10am-1pm (In Lindisfarne Room)
31 st October	11am-2pm
28 th November	11am-2pm

Greyfriars Kirkyard Exhibition

You are welcome to pop along to Greyfriars Kirk to view the new exhibition about the kirkyard, at the back of the church. The kirkyard attracts huge numbers of visitors and the aim is to draw more of them into the kirk to learn more about that historic space. The panels are movable and will usually be stacked away for services and concerts. This project has been possible thanks to generous donations from The Binks Trust, Greyfriars Foundation and congregational member, Heather Jack who kindly contributed a donation in memory of her late friend.

FreshStart

FreshStart are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in "The Big White Box" in the vestibule. If you are unable to deliver them, please telephone Jim McLean on **0131 332 5114** and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about FreshStart, or email [**jamesangusmclean@gmail.com**](mailto:jamesangusmclean@gmail.com)

Prayer Circle

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **0131 226 2727**. For longer term prayer, please add names to the purple book in the vestibule. If you could be part of the Prayer Circle and spend time praying for others, please contact Irene.

