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Sunday 1st December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

St Andrew

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE The watchmen raise their voices and shout together in joy; for with their own eyes they see the Lord return to Zion.

Isaiah 52: 8

HYMN 277 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

(Creditor)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

PRAYERS including

We confess to God almighty, to all the company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault.

Therefore we beseech almighty God to give us the grace of true repentance, to have mercy upon us, and cleanse us from our sins.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸ **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

GOSPEL

St Matthew 4: 12 – 22

SUNG RESPONSE

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign. (H. Bonar)

PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies: we, your unworthy servants, give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN 509 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

(*St Andrew*)

REFLECTION

HYMN 286 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

(*Woodlands*)

BAPTISM	Douglas Kenneth Arthur Daniels	
BLESSING	796	The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
OFFERING		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.
CREED		<i>(Words: Hymn 628)</i>
PRAYERS		<i>ending with</i> The Lord's Prayer
HYMN 273	O come, O come Emmanuel	<i>(Veni Emmanuel)</i>
THE BENEDICTION		<i>ends with sung</i> Amen
CLOSING VOLUNTARY		<i>Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme</i> by J S Bach

Welcome to Canongate Kirk. This morning we extend a special welcome to all visitors - please join us in the foyer for tea and coffee after the service. Today we are especially glad to welcome the family and friends of Dougie Daniels who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. Please be aware we have an induction loop system for the benefit of those who use hearing aids. A livestreamed video of today's service is available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link. The December/January edition of our **monthly newsletter** is now available on the website and paper copies can be found at the back of the church. If you would like to receive it by e-mail, please get in touch with the office. Tickets for the **Christmas Supper** on Thursday 12th December are now available from David Croft or Dinah Croy at £12 each. A reminder that we have a limited stock of Canongate **Christmas cards** available for purchase. Our annual service of Lessons and Carols takes place on Sunday 22nd December and our usual '**home-grown**' choir started rehearsals today and will gather round the piano for rehearsals at 9.30am every Sunday in Advent. First timers welcome!

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship This morning's broadcast at 8.10am featured music from last Sunday evening's service in St Giles', and words from the ministers of St Giles' and Canongate. It will remain available on BBC Sounds for the next month <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0025m6l>

The late Victor McLaggan A reminder that Victor's funeral takes place tomorrow, Monday 2nd December, at 2pm in Mortonhall Crematorium.

Accommodation Enquiry Ken is a member of the congregation who travels regularly from Dundee to join us on a Sunday morning. As the winter progresses he is wondering if anyone knows of a friendly B&B where he might stay from time to time on a Saturday night so he can continue to join us on a Sunday morning. If you have any recommendations, please get in touch with the office.

Craft Club Following the service today, all are invited to join the crafters on a visit to the Dovecot Studio's latest exhibition, *Stitched: Scotland's Embroidered Art*. Speak with Alexis or Elise following the service to join the group. The Craft Club will next meet slightly earlier in the month than usual this Wednesday, December 4th at 6.30pm in the Harry Younger Hall. It will be a festive craft session with mince pies and our Christmas craft this year will be magic snowy lanterns, so please bring glass jars of any size. All are welcome, even if you have never come to a craft club meeting before - kids especially welcome!

Scottish Parliament On Wednesday 18th December at 6.15pm, the Scottish Parliament will be holding its annual carol service. Please add your name and contact details to the form at the back of the church if you would like to attend.

Washbags for Crisis at Christmas We have once again been asked to help supply washbags to Crisis, the local charity for the homeless. These can be brought to church or handed in at the church office up to and including Sunday 22nd December. Gender neutral washbags are preferred however this isn't always easy to achieve so male and female washbags would also be welcome. These can be filled with any selection of toiletries, but no razors, or hand sanitisers which contain alcohol. A suggested list of items includes shower-gel, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, flannel and anything else you would usually find in a washbag.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Members of the congregation would be welcome to attend any of the following:

Thursday 5th December	6pm	Armed Forces' Charities
Sunday 8th December	4pm	Royal British Legion Scotland
Thursday 12th December	6pm	Crisis Homelessness Charity
Thursday 19th December	7pm	The Order of St John

CONCERTS IN DECEMBER

Saturday 7th Dec	7.30pm	Open Orchestra	Free
Saturday 14th Dec	5pm	Calton Consort	£15/£12
Saturday 21st Dec	7.30pm	St Andrew Camerata	£12/£10

St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight Organ recital by Michael Harris

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