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Fourth Sunday after Trinity

We have come together as the family of God
in our Father's presence
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive his holy word,
to bring before him the needs of the world,
to ask his forgiveness of our sins,
and to seek his grace,
that through his Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to his service.

I have come that they may have life, and may have it in its fullness.

St John 10: 10

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sinfonia from Cantata 156 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my comforter, my all in all;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 25: 1 – 10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust;**

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

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.

EPISTLE

Colossians 1: 1 – 14

GOSPEL

St Luke 10: 25 – 37

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 544 When I needed a neighbour, were you there? *(Neighbour)*

SERMON

HYMN 694 Brother, sister, let me serve you *(Servant Song)*

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 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.**

PRAYERS

ending with The Lord's Prayer

HYMN 159 Lord for the years

(Lord of the Years)

THE BENEDICTION

*ends with sung **Amen***

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Pièce d' Orgue BWV 572 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. Our service today is led by Andrew Henshaw while the Minister is on holiday. 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 latest edition of our monthly newsletter is 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.

Sunday Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea/coffee after the service, reading lessons, arranging flowers or being part of a Sunday welcome team.

Craft Club The next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday 14th July in the Harry Younger Hall from 6.30pm – 8pm. New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

Open Kirk There is a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sundays between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm. Please help if you can. Our student intern, Roselle Brown, is helping with Open Kirk Mondays to Fridays in July and August. If you are passing by all means pop in to say hello, she'll be glad to see you!

Evening Service Advance notice that at our 7pm service on Sunday 27th July we will be joined by Streatham Choral, a 65 member choir from London. Obviously there will be a bigger musical dimension than usual and it should be a memorable service. All welcome.

St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight: Duo Ultima

Guido Bäumer (Saxophone) and Aladár Rácz (Piano) perform a programme centred around music from Iceland. [www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)