

**CANONGATE KIRK  
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE  
AND EDINBURGH CASTLE**

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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.

Make your paths known to me, Lord; teach me your ways. Lead me by your  
faithfulness and teach me, for you are God my saviour.

*Psalm 25: 4 – 5*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in D minor BWV 565* by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN

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*(Ode to Joy)*

God, we praise you. God, we bless you.  
God, we name you sovereign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by your church adored:  
all creation shows your glory,  
heaven and earth draw near your throne  
singing 'Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of hosts, and God alone!'

True apostles, faithful prophets,  
saints who set their world ablaze,  
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,  
join one growing song of praise,  
while your Church on earth confesses  
one majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
everlasting Son of God,  
humble was your virgin mother,  
hard the lonely path you trod:  
by your cross is sin defeated,  
hell confronted face to face,  
heaven opened to believers,  
sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
you will judge the world you made;  
Lord, in mercy help your servants  
for whose freedom you have paid:  
raise us up from dust to glory,  
guard us from all sin today;  
King enthroned above all praises,  
save your people, God, we pray.

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 READING

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<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> **He established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup> **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

**Praise the Lord!**

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**

**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)

**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.**

**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

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A new commandment that I give to you,  
is to love one another as I have loved you;  
is to love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall all know you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.

SERMON

HYMN

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*(Saffron Walden)*

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that you call us, 'Come to me',  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am you will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – your love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down –  
now to be yours, and yours alone  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above –  
O Lamb of God, I come.

PRAYERS

*ending with The Lord's Prayer*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in D minor BWV 565* by J S Bach

Covid restrictions have now eased significantly but if you have any of the associated symptoms obviously you should stay at home. We have removed the “no access” signs from alternate pews in the nave and the one-way system around the church. For the moment we are keeping some distancing options in the pews near the War Memorial Chapel so that anyone who is anxious can continue to feel safe within our building. Face masks are now optional in places of worship.

We remain hugely grateful to everyone who has supported Canongate Kirk financially by various methods over the last two challenging years. The contactless machine in the foyer has come in very handy, but it's worth noting that we are unable to claim Gift Aid on donations that come in via this means. If you regularly donate via the contactless machine and would like the congregation to claim Gift Aid on your donation at no further cost to yourself, please have a word with Jenifer Davidson, our Treasurer. Meanwhile we have a new means of facilitating donations to Canongate Kirk, using the QR code. When scanned with your smart phone it will take you straight to our digital donations page.



**Welcome** to Canongate Kirk. In the foyer, you will find a brass plate for church offerings in case you missed it on the way in, and the contactless machine remains set for donations of £5 a time. All being well, a livestreamed video of this service will be immediately available on our website [www.canongatekirk.org.uk](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) - feel free to share the link with others who might be interested. Next Sunday our service will incorporate the Sacrament of Baptism. The May edition of our newsletter is still available on our website. Please note that Streetwork have asked for no further donations in the meantime, with thanks to all who have contributed recently.

**Open Kirk** We have restarted Open Kirk on Sunday afternoons and volunteers are encouraged to sign up for slots from 12-2pm or from 2- 4pm on the board in the Kirk foyer. The hope is that the first shift might appeal to someone who has come to church and could stay on for a while after the service. If you have not helped to welcome visitors and tourists before, and would like to find out more, please have a word with Lesley Wallace, our Open Kirk Co-ordinator.

**John Fleming** A service of thanksgiving for the life of the late John Fleming will be held in Canongate Kirk at 1pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. In the meantime we continue to hold Hilary and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Platinum Jubilee Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** The Kirk Session has agreed that Canongate Kirk's celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee should take place at our regular morning service at 10.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, when the Church also celebrates Pentecost. Members of staff at the Palace of Holyroodhouse have been invited, along with their families, as have members of the High Constables and Guard of Honour of Holyroodhouse, and the service will be followed by a glass of something fizzy in the courtyard, weather permitting. Do come along and help celebrate this truly unique milestone. If you'd like to lend a hand in advance or on the day, please have a word with the Minister or Session Clerk. All welcome.

**Queen's Gallery Exhibitions** *Seven Portraits – Surviving the Holocaust* Tickets and information: <https://bit.ly/3KdIpiC> Until June 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. *Masterpieces of Buckingham Palace* Tickets/Info: <https://bit.ly/3sHW0Ji> Until 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Christian Aid Book Sale** The book sale at St Andrew's and St George's West on George Street - the world's biggest charity book sale - resumes on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May (10am-3.30pm, late opening until 7pm 19<sup>th</sup> May). This will be the book sale's 50th year. It's well worth a visit with a huge choice of books as well as records, antiques, maps, sheet music, toys, stamps and home baking.

**Edinburgh Marathon** The Canongate will be closed to traffic from 7am until 11.15am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please allow a little longer to get to church – don't be put off attending but remember the service will be livestreamed as usual. Details of road closures at [www.edinburghmarathon.com/marathon/transport-info](http://www.edinburghmarathon.com/marathon/transport-info)