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Pentecost

The Boys' Brigade

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

OPENING SENTENCE I am going to put breath into you and you will live.

Ezekiel 37: 5

HYMN 737 Will your anchor hold vv. 1, 2 & 4 (*Will Your Anchor Hold*)

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

²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide,**

creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ **These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

³² **who looks on the earth and it trembles,**

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁵ **Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.**

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.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2: 1 – 8

GOSPEL

St John 16: 4b – 15

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)

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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 251 I, the Lord of sea and sky *(Here I am, Lord)*

SERMON

HYMN 204 I am the Church! You are the Church! *(We are the Church)*

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 594 Come, Holy Spirit, come! *(Diademata)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

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

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**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. We are glad to welcome members of the Boys' Brigade to our service, having earlier provided a Guard of Honour for the Lord High Commissioner outside St Giles

Cathedral. Our service this morning is conducted by Elspeth McPheat DCS while the Minister remains on duty as Chaplain to the Lord High Commissioner. 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](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) - feel free to share the link. The latest 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. **Next Sunday** there will be Holy Communion at the morning service and we will also have our monthly evening service at 7pm. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome. Please be aware it is also the day of the Edinburgh Marathon and the city centre will be congested in the morning.

**Kirk Session Update** The Presbytery's proposed Bases of Reviewable Charge and of Parish Grouping have been approved by our Kirk Session. The next step will be for the congregation to vote their approval at a short meeting to be held after the service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please put it in your diaries, it would be helpful to have a good turn-out.

**Sunday Rotas** As a follow-up to our appeal for volunteers to help with Sunday duties new rotas have been drawn up and can be found at the back of the church. For Sunday duties we are hoping to have teams of six helpers consisting of three new volunteers and three elders. Please sign up to help in either capacity and aim to be here by 10am on the relevant Sunday. A number of people also offered to read lessons at Sunday services, for which a separate rota has also been created. Again please sign up if you would like to, and add your contact details. Please note there is a new rota in the foyer for tea and coffee helpers up to June. No experience needed. And our Open Kirk programme to welcome visitors and tourists to Canongate Kirk continues on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. Please sign up on the board in the foyer if you can help take a turn.

**Coffee Morning** A reminder of our forthcoming coffee morning in aid of Alzheimer's UK between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Harry Younger Hall. Tickets at £5 each are now on sale from David Croft. Anyone wishing to donate baking for sale on the day, contribute a gift for the raffle or lend a hand on the day should let David know.

### **Concerts at Canongate Kirk in June**

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| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June  | 7.30pm | Open Orchestra                  | <i>Mendelssohn</i>  | FREE   |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June | 7.30pm | Calton Consort                  | <i>Choral Pride</i> | £15/12 |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June | 1pm    | Cargilfield School Chapel Choir |                     | FREE   |

**St Giles at Six** Weekly free concert **tonight**: Edinburgh Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra with Eric Yu, guitar [https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)