

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

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**Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Melody by Gluck

OPENING SENTENCE Like a shepherd he will tend his flock, and with his arm keep them together.

Isaiah 40: 11

HYMN 200 Christ is made the sure foundation *(Westminster Abbey)*

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 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

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 4: 5 – 12

GOSPEL

St John 10: 11 – 18

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 132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

(*St Denio*)

SERMON

HYMN 358 The great love of God is revealed in the Son

(*Normandy*)

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 555 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound *(Amazing Grace)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Carillon de Westminster by Vierne*



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 this morning is conducted by Elspeth McPheat DCS while the Minister is preaching at Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews, in his capacity as Dean of The Order of St John. 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 also 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 the morning service will incorporate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Our monthly united evening service** with St Giles' will also take place next Sunday at 7pm here in Canongate Kirk and our guest preacher will be The Right Revd Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

Kirk Session There will be a Kirk Session meeting TOMORROW Monday 22nd April at 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall, when we shall be joined by representatives of the Presbytery Deployment Group to discuss the next steps in our closer collaboration with St Giles'. In that connection a citation is required to be read out this morning and next Sunday.

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.

Events in May To mark the 250th anniversary of the death of Robert Fergusson, the Scottish Poetry Library has organised an evening to celebrate his extraordinary life and times at **7pm on Wednesday 1st May** here in Canongate Kirk. Poetry, music and conversation will be provided by writer James Robertson, academic Professor Rhona Brown and musician Tommy Reckless. Tickets from Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/3TA786S> On **Friday 3rd May at 3pm** we once again welcome the latest generation of hugely talented students from the Yehudi Menuhin School of Music in Surrey for a concert of chamber music. Tickets: £15/£7.50. All proceeds go to Canongate Kirk. **Canongate Kirkyard Tours** We are delighted to announce that local historian and guide, Eric Drake, will resume a range of tours on the first Sunday of each month starting with 'Canongate's Royal Connections' on Sunday 5th May. Tours start at the front of the Kirk at 11.30am and last an hour. Free of charge but donations to Canongate Kirk welcome! Leaflets with more information are available at the back of the church.

<p>St Giles at Six Weekly free concert tonight: Edinburgh Music Competition Festival Recital Class Winners https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</p>
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