

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

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
Christ the King  
Last Sunday Before Advent**

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.

The Lord has become King, clothed with majesty; the Lord is robed, girded with might.

*Psalm 93:1*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata* by Giovanni Battista Martini

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 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

<sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup>For the Lord is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth;

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,

**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

<sup>6</sup>O come, let us worship and bow down,

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

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

Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

GOSPEL

St Matthew 25: 31 – 46

## 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.**

## SERMON

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*Vesper Voluntary No 3.* by Edward Elgar

PRAYERS and *The Lord's Prayer*

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in F* by Dietrich Buxtehude

**WELCOME** to Canongate Kirk. Please note one or two new intimations at the foot of this page. Whether you have been here since we reopened or are here for the first time since lockdown, it's good to be back. The metaphor of a journey is frequently over-used but at least we're pointing in the right direction! To ensure you head in the right direction when the service is over, please do not leave by the centre aisle but by the nearest side aisle and side door, maintaining a 2m distance from anyone in front of you. Before you step out into the courtyard please sanitise your hands with the dispenser provided inside the outer door, where you will also find a brass plate for offerings in case you missed it on the way in! In recent months a number of members have kindly arranged direct means of supporting the church financially – advice on standing orders and electronic transfers can be got through the office, contact details for which you will find on the front cover. One-off donations can also be given via our website.

All being well, a livestreamed video of this service will be available on our website [www.canongatekirk.org.uk](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) We often get over 100 viewers - feel free to share the link with others who might be interested. If you know of someone who might like to attend a service but for one reason or another does not receive the weekly congregational email reminder, please ask them to get in touch with the office.

## INTIMATIONS

**Facemasks** A member of the congregation has kindly made and donated a range of colourful re-useable facemasks, which can be found inside the outer doors. Please feel free to take one in exchange for a modest donation if you wish.

**Christmas Cards** A limited supply of last year's Christmas cards is available for purchase at £3 for 10. This year they need to be pre-ordered through the office and collected at church.

**Washbags** We have been asked once again to collect washbags for Crisis, whose local team will distribute them to homeless people over the Christmas period. A mix of male and female washbags would be ideal with any selection of toiletries, **but no razors, aerosols or hand sanitisers which contain alcohol**. A suggested list of items includes: shower-gel, soap, shampoo/ conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, shaving foam, flannel and anything else you would usually find in a washbag. Washbags can be delivered to church on Sundays until Sunday 6th December or to the office during office hours until Wednesday 9th December.

**Newsletter** In the absence of paper copies, the November edition of our monthly newsletter is still available on our website [www.canongatekirk.org.uk](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk)

**Kirk Session** next meets via Zoom on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November starting at 6pm.

Please take this leaflet away with you after the service and be sure to leave via the side aisles, keeping a safe distance from those around you as you go. Thank you for coming today, take care and stay safe.