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Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Anniversary of the King's Coronation

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Récit de Tierce en Taille* by Nicolas De Grigny

OPENING SENTENCE Bless the Lord, my soul, and forget none of his
benefits. *Psalm 103: 2*

HYMN 69 Just as a father shows his love *(Kilmarnock)*

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 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.**

² The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

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

1 John 5: 1 – 6

GOSPEL

St John 15: 9 – 17

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 357 'This is my will, my new command' (*Gonfalon Royal/184*)

SERMON

HYMN 521 Children of God (*Londonderry Air/729*)

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 your love has kept and guided (*Lord of the Years*)

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in F by Buxtehude*

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. 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 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.

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.

Canongate Kirkyard Tours Eric Drake will begin a new series starting TODAY with 'Canongate's Royal Connections'. 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.

Kirk Session The Presbytery having given a green light to the prospect of our Parish Grouping with St Giles', members of the Kirk Sessions of both churches are now being asked to consider the formal Basis of Parish Grouping at special meetings this coming Wednesday, 8th May. Ours will take place at 6pm in the Kirk foyer (NOT the Harry Younger Hall) – it should not be a long meeting and elders are asked to attend if at all possible.

Craft Club The Craft club next meets in the Harry Younger Hall at 6.30pm this Wednesday 8th May. The group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike – you can be sure of a friendly welcome.

Coffee Morning We will hold a Coffee Morning in aid of the Alzheimer's Society on Saturday 8th June in the Harry Younger Hall. If you would like to lend a hand, and get to know others in the congregation as well as support this worthy cause, please get in touch with David Croft via the Kirk office.

St Giles at Six Weekly free concert **tonight**: Organ Recital: Samuel Gaskin
<https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events>