

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

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP      *Jesus stand among us  
In thy risen power;  
Let this time of worship  
Be a hallowed hour.*

HYMN 412      The strife is o'er, the battle done      *(Vulpinus)*

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 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.'**

**<sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.**

**<sup>4</sup> Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.**

**<sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.**

**<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

**<sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

**<sup>8</sup> I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

**<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.**

**<sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

**<sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

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: 14a, 22 – 24

GOSPEL

St John 20: 19 – 31

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.**



Welcome to the Harry Younger Hall, the temporary home of Canongate Kirk while the church is being redecorated. After one or two unforeseen delays in the redecoration project, we are now expecting to be back in Canongate Kirk for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. We are still uploading to our website photographs as work progresses. The latest edition of our monthly newsletter is available on the website and paper copies can be found on the table in the foyer. If you would like to receive it by e-mail, please get in touch with the office. We have transferred the basket for foodbank donations to the hall in the meantime. The monthly service at Croft an Righ, Abbeyhill, takes place this afternoon at 4pm. Members of the congregation are more than welcome to attend and stay for a chat afterwards.

**Craft Club** This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be tomorrow, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Harry Younger Hall. New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

**Concert – change of venue** The Linton Singers will now be performing their concert on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at **Greyfriars Kirk** – not Canongate Kirk. This is a charity concert to raise funds for teacher training in Malawi. Tickets at £15 are available from Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/417mzb3> or on the door.

**Stamps** We have found a company who will recycle used stamps with the money coming directly to the Kirk so please continue to bring any used stamps along to church and put them in the box at the back of the hall. We would just ask that you trim the stamps leaving a margin of about a quarter of an inch (0.6cms) around them. The first 10kg sack is ready to go and another one is nearly full. They also recycle other items – have a look at the poster for details.

**Sunday Rotas** Normal service will continue as much as possible while we continue to meet in the Harry Younger Hall. Please sign up to help if you can with tea/coffee after the service, reading lessons, arranging flowers or being part of a Sunday welcome team. There is also a cleaning rota for the Hall as we do not currently have a caretaker – this requires two people to give approximately an hour of their time towards the end of every week.

**The usual St Giles' at Six free concert has been cancelled this evening.**