

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

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Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

Sacrament of Baptism



Jesus wept over the city and said, 'If only you had known this day the way that leads to peace! But no; it is hidden from your sight.'

St Luke 19: 41 – 42

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Valet will ich dir geben by J S Bach

HYMN 364 All glory, laud, and honour

(St Theodulph)

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

BLESSING OF PALM CROSSES

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 118: 1 – 2, 19 – 29

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ **The Lord is God, and he has given us light.**

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

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

Philippians 2: 5 – 11

GOSPEL

St Luke 19: 28 – 40

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 367 Hosanna, loud hosanna (*Ellacombe*)

REFLECTION

HYMN It is a thing most wonderful, (*Herongate*)
almost too wonderful to be,

that God's own Son should come from heav'n,
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved Him not.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.

BAPTISM James Andrew Houliston Waring

BLESSING 796 The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

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 365 Ride on! ride on in majesty! *(Winchester New)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung* Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on Winchester New* by Alan Bullard

Welcome to Canongate Kirk. Today we are especially glad to welcome the family and friends of James Waring who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. We also welcome back friends from the Royal Naval Association and the Royal Yacht Association who will parade standards as part of the service. We extend a special welcome to all visitors – please join us 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 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. The April edition of our monthly newsletter is 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.

Lent Study Group concludes today, meeting in the King David Aisle at 11.30am and finishing before 12.30pm, when parking restrictions on the Royal Mile kick in. We have been following a book produced by the Church of Scotland entitled “Living Generously”, and today turn to the chapter about gifts, and celebrating and sharing our skills, talents, interests and passions.

Craft Club News The Craft Club has moved its monthly slot from the second Wednesday of each month to the second Monday. The next date will therefore be TOMORROW, Monday 14th April from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Harry Younger Hall. Everyone is welcome, crafters and non-crafters alike! On Easter Sunday, the craft club will host a bakes table following the service, to raise funds for their new baptism blankets project. An array of tasty cakes and marmalade will be available to buy, and all proceeds will help purchase white wool so each baptism family this year will receive a handmade knitted blanket as a gift from the Kirk. Come one, come all, and come hungry!

Open Kirk at Easter We are hoping to be open to visitors and tourists once again over the Easter weekend. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the foyer if you can take a turn between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm from Thursday 17th April to Monday 21st April.

Sunday Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea and coffee after the service, reading lessons or being part of a Sunday welcome team.

New Minister Induction An invitation has been extended to our congregation to attend the induction of Rev Scott Rennie, the new Minister at St Giles. The service will take place on at 7pm on Tuesday 29th April at St Giles Cathedral followed by a reception in Parliament Hall to which we are also invited.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

17 th April	Maundy Thursday	7pm	Holy Communion
18 th April	Good Friday	7pm	Evening Service
Sunday 20 th April	Easter Day	10.30am	Morning Service & Baptism

Canongate Kirk Spring Concerts

Thursday 24th April 6.30pm **Ebenezer Choir** from Faroe Islands FREE

Friday 2nd May 6.30pm **Yehudi Menuhin School** £15/£7.50

Our annual treat from some incredibly talented young musicians from Surrey – not to be missed! All proceeds to Kirk funds.

***St Giles at Six* - FREE concert tonight:** St Giles Cathedral Choir directed by Jack Oades, Master of Music [www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)

BEHOLD THE MAN

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THE EDINBURGH EASTER PLAY 2025

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL AT 2PM
WEST PRINCES STREET GARDENS**

