

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

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Easter Day**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Toccata* by Sweelinck

**OPENING SENTENCE** We are here to give you the good news, that God has fulfilled the promise by raising Jesus from the dead.

*Acts 13: 32, 33*

**HYMN 410** Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

*(Easter Hymn)*

**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 118 : 1 - 2, 14 - 24

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

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,

**‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

**‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup> **the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’**

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> **The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.**

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

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 10: 34 – 43

GOSPEL

St John 20: 1 – 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 417      Now the green blade riseth *(Noël Nouvelet)*

SERMON

HYMN 413      The day of resurrection! *(Ellacombe)*

OFFERING 794 Jesus the Lord has risen

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 419 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son *(Maccabeus)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Allegro in D major by C P E Bach*

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**Happy Easter** and welcome to the Harry Younger Hall, the temporary home of Canongate Kirk while the church is being redecorated. Our service this morning is conducted by Elspeth McPheat DCS while the Minister continues to recuperate from his hip operation. 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. 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.

**Craft Club** This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on 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.

**St Giles' at Six - FREE concert tonight:** Sinfonia Chamber Players: Horn Quartet. Free entry, with an optional donation. Tickets available on Eventbrite. <https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/whatson>