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THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
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Tenth Sunday after Trinity

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Cantique de Jean Racine by Fauré

OPENING SENTENCE Love is patient and kind, never quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs, takes no pleasure in the sins of others, but delights in the truth.

1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 6

HYMN 627 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

(Capetown CH3/438)

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 71: 1 – 6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

⁶ Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10

GOSPEL

St Luke 13: 10 – 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 97	O God, you search me and you know me	
SERMON		
HYMN 522	The Church is wherever God's people are praising <i>(The Bard of Armagh)</i>	
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		<i>ending with</i> The Lord's Prayer
HYMN 128	How shall I sing that majesty	<i>(Coe Fen)</i>
THE BENEDICTION		<i>ends with sung</i> Amen
CLOSING VOLUNTARY		<i>Fugue in G Minor</i> 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 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.

Next Sunday our morning service will incorporate both Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, followed later that day with our monthly united Evening Service with St Giles' here at 7pm. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

The Late Etta Geekie We have all been saddened to learn of Etta's sudden death but remain thankful for her place in the family of our congregation for so long. Etta's funeral service will take place here in Canongate Kirk this coming Wednesday, 27th August, at 10.30am.

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship A reminder that this was broadcast live from Canongate Kirk on Sunday 10th August and will be available on BBC Sounds until 10th September.

Sunday Rotas 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.

Open Kirk Although the Festival and Fringe are now over for another year, there are still lots of visitors and tourists in town and our Open Kirk programme continues at weekends beyond the end of August. There is a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sundays between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm. Please help if you can.

<p><i>St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight:</i> Seraphim Vocal Ensemble www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events</p>
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