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Seventh Sunday after Trinity

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fiat Lux by Dubois

OPENING SENTENCE Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven. for where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

St Matthew 6: 19 – 21

HYMN 201 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness *(Moredun)*

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 107: 1 – 9, 43

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

² **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴ **Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;**

⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶ **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;**

⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸ **Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

⁴³ **Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

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

Hosea 11: 1 – 4, 9 – 11

EPISTLE

Colossians 3: 1 – 4, 9 – 11

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 551 In heavenly love abiding *(Penlan)*

SERMON *The Veil of the Temple*

HYMN 268 O God of Bethel! by whose hand *(Salzburg)*

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 562 Through the love of God, our Saviour *(Ar Hyd y Nos)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue sur le nom d'Alain by Duruflé*

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.

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship This will be broadcast live from Canongate Kirk at 8.10am NEXT Sunday, 10th August. Making the inevitable connection with Edinburgh at Festival time, the service will be led by former Moderator of the General Assembly, the Very Revd Sally Foster- Fulton. Music will be supplied by Siskin Green folk trio and singers from Edinburgh University Chamber Choir. But there will be a couple of hymns (accompanied by Simon Leach) and members and friends of the congregation are more than welcome to come along and swell the singing! You will need to be seated by 7-45am, but please do come if you can. The more the merrier!

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 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. Our student interns continue to help with Open Kirk Mondays to Fridays throughout July and August.

Craft Club This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on Monday 11th August from 6.30pm – 8pm in the **Manse Meeting Room** (NOT the Harry Younger Hall as it is booked up for the Fringe.) New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

***St Giles at Six* - FREE concert tonight:**

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Kevin Duggan, organ recital