

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

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**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**  
**Sacrament of Baptism**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

We have come together as the family of God  
in our Father's presence  
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive his holy word,  
to bring before him the needs of the world,  
to ask his forgiveness of our sins,  
and to seek his grace,  
that through his Son Jesus Christ  
we may give ourselves to his service.

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, and he will lift you up.

*1 Peter 5: 6*



OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in Eb Major BWV 552 by J S Bach*

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN 120 God we praise you

*(Ode to Joy)*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

PRAYERS including

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 81: 1, 10 – 16

Sing aloud to God our strength;

**shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**

<sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

<sup>11</sup> ‘But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

<sup>12</sup> **So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,**

**to follow their own counsels.**

<sup>13</sup> O that my people would listen to me,

that Israel would walk in my ways!

<sup>14</sup> **Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,**

**and turn my hand against their foes.**

<sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,

and their doom would last for ever.

<sup>16</sup> **I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,**

**and with honey from the rock I would satisfy 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.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

GOSPEL

St Matthew 28: 16 – 20

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 213 Every new morning

*(Bunessan)*

REFLECTION

HYMN 198 Let us build a house (v.v. 1, 3, 5)

*(Two Oaks)*

BAPTISM Genevieve Mary McCorquodale

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.

## HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS including:

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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... therefore, with your people of all places and times, and with the whole company  
of heaven, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise in the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

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**Gracious God  
we give you glory, thanks and praise  
for the dying and undying love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
In your great goodness  
you have brought us into communion with him  
and with all who love him,  
and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom.  
By your grace, may we continue in this holy fellowship,  
and live to the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN 562      Through the love of God      (*Ar Hyd y Nos*)**

**THE BENEDICTION      ends with sung **Amen****

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY      *Fugue in Eb Major BWV 552* by JS Bach**

**Welcome** to Canongate Kirk. Today we are glad to welcome the family and friends of Genevieve McCorquodale who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. We extend a special welcome to all visitors - please join us in the foyer for tea and coffee after the service. As usual on this last Sunday of the month our service incorporates the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The bread is gluten free and the wine port with a touch of water. Please note that individual glasses will be available in the King David Aisle only, at the far right hand side of the church. Those sitting in the nave, either side of the central aisle, will be served with a common cup. Please choose your pew according to whether you prefer common cup or individual glass. 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](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) - feel free to share the link. The September edition of our monthly newsletter is also 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's service will also incorporate the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Evening Service** Our monthly united service with St Giles' will take place TONIGHT at 7pm here in Canongate Kirk. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

**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. To make the most of the many tourists still in Edinburgh after the Festival, Open Kirk continues during the week until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**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.

**Craft Club** Advance notice that next month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Harry Younger Hall.

**September Concert** First Presbyterian Chancel Choir on tour from the USA will hold a concert at 6pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Admission Free.

<p><b>St Giles at Six</b> - Free concert <b>tonight</b>: Barbara Jones - Mezzo Soprano <a href="https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events">https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</a></p>
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