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**Sunday 2nd August 2026
Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude in E flat major BWV 552 by J S Bach*

OPENING SENTENCE Never again shall they feel hunger or thirst; because the Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of the water of life.

Revelation 7: 16 – 17

HYMN 738 Glorious things of thee are spoken *(Austrian 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 145: 8 – 9, 14 – 21

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

**¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

**¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

**¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**

**¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

**¹⁹ He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

**²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

**²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55: 1 – 5

GOSPEL

St Matthew 14: 13 – 21

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 376 'Twas on that night when doomed to know *(Rockingham)*

SERMON

HYMN 187 There's a wideness in God's mercy *(All for Jesus)*

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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 167 Guide me O thou great Jehovah *(Cwm Rhondda)*

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E Flat major BWV 552 by J S Bach

Welcome to Canongate Kirk! 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 August edition of our monthly newsletter is now 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. A leaflet with a list of all our upcoming Fringe events can also be found at the back of the church.

Craft Club This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on Monday 10th August from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Manse Meeting Room, NOT the Harry Younger Hall. New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

Sunday 16th August Our regular morning service at 10.30am will incorporate an element of thanksgiving for the redecoration project. Do come if you can!

The Runciman Murals at St Patrick's Church Cowgate On Wednesday 12th August at 6.30pm there will be an evening of short talks at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, about the remarkable eighteenth-century murals by Alexander Runciman in the apse of the church. The event will consist of talks by Professor Vicky Coltman, Dr Rory Lamb and Teresa Keenan, followed by tea and coffee. The speakers will discuss the murals and their historical, artistic and architectural context, as well as outlining the work required to complete their restoration. Entry is free of charge. Organised by the Runciman Apsse Trust.

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. The Open Kirk board has also gone back up to encourage volunteers at weekends.

Open Kirk The Royal Mile is packed with tourists again and our student interns are now welcoming visitors to the Kirk Monday to Friday. However, we are looking for volunteers for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. Open Kirk is a valuable source of revenue for the church and if you would like to take a turn please sign up on the board in the foyer or contact Lesley Wallace on lesley.wallace@blueyonder.co.uk

Stamps and Food Please continue to bring any used stamps along to church and put them in the box at the back of the church. And don't forget the basket for food bank donations in the foyer.

St Giles' at Six TONIGHT - Organist Harry Meehan

Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.