

**CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
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**Sunday 9th August 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prélude sur le nom d' Alain by Duruflé

OPENING SENTENCE The life I now live is not my life, but the life which Christ lives in me.

Galatians 2: 20

HYMN 737 Will your anchor hold in the storms (*Will Your Anchor Hold*)

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 105: 1 – 5

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

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

Romans 10: 5 – 15

GOSPEL

St Matthew 14: 22 – 33

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 755 Be still and know that I am God

SERMON

HYMN 251 I, the Lord of sea and sky *(Here I am, Lord)*

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 551 In heavenly love abiding

(Penlan)

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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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. Our service this morning is conducted by Elspeth McPheat DCS while the Minister is away. 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. Please note the monthly service at Croft-an-Righ is having a summer break and will resume on 13th September.

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

FRINGE CONCERTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th August (TODAY) – 3pm £15/10

Edinburgh Wind Serenaders Joyous, colourful music by Erskine and Elgar. Supporting UK-Med medical aid in Ukraine.

Friday 14th August – 7.30pm £12/10

Tutti Orchestra Featuring music from all around the world, from the waltzes of Europe to the serene harmonies of East Asia.

Saturday 15th August – 12noon £10

David Hamilton Organ Recital David returns with a programme of Bach's organ works on the magnificent Frobenius organ.

Saturday 15th August – 5pm FREE

Hithertones Vocal Ensemble Rich harmonies, soulful melodies, a cappella joy! A 60-minute eclectic musical journey.

Next Sunday 16th August Our regular morning service at 10.30am will incorporate an element of thanksgiving for our recent redecoration. Various folk involved in the project have been invited - 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 is also in place to encourage volunteers at weekends.

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 - Chiara Lordi, award winning pianist
Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.