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Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Day

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY *I know that my Redeemer liveth* by G F Handel

OPENING SENTENCE God not only raised our Lord from the dead; he will also raise us by his power.

1 Corinthians 6: 14

HYMN 410 Jesus Christ is risen today

(Easter 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 118: 19 – 24

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
**that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.**

HYMN 413 The day of resurrection!

(Ellacombe)

EPISTLE

Acts 10: 34 – 43

GOSPEL

St John 20: 1 – 18

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 411 Christ the Lord is risen today

(St George's Windsor)

REFLECTION

HYMN 636 Baptized in water *(Bunessan/212)*

BAPTISM Raya Jane Maupon Zoega-Akran

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.**

PRAYERS *ending with The Lord's Prayer*

HYMN 419 Thine be the glory *(Maccabeus)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Paraphrase on a chorus in Judas Maccabaeus
by Alexander Guilmant*

Welcome to Canongate Kirk and Happy Easter! Today we are especially glad to welcome the family and friends of Raya Zoega-Akran who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. We extend a special welcome to all visitors – please join us 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 April 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.

Craft Club The craft club is hosting a bakes sale following the service to raise funds for their new baptism blankets project. All proceeds will help purchase white wool so each baptism family this year will receive a handmade knitted blanket as a gift from the Kirk.

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.

Next Sunday, 27th April, our morning service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion and our monthly united evening service with St Giles' will take place here at 7pm. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

New Minister Induction An invitation has been extended to our congregation to attend the induction of Rev Scott Rennie, the new Minister at St Giles. The service will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 29th April at St Giles Cathedral followed by a reception in Parliament Hall to which we are also invited.

Kirk Session Advance notice that the next meeting will take place on **Thursday 1st May** at 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall. Please note the change of day.

Canongate Kirk Spring Concerts

Thursday 24th April 6.30pm **Ebenezer Choir** from Faroe Islands FREE

Friday 2nd May 6.30pm **Yehudi Menuhin School** £15/£7.50

Our annual treat from some incredibly talented young musicians from Surrey – not to be missed! All proceeds to Kirk funds.

St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight: Organ Recital by Jack Oades, Master of Music at St Giles [www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)