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**Sunday 15th February 2026
Last Sunday before Lent
Transfiguration**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G minor by Handel

OPENING SENTENCE The Son of man must be lifted up, in order that everyone who has faith may in him have eternal life.

St John 3: 14 – 15

HYMN 120 God, we praise you. God we bless you.

(Ode to Joy)

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 2

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves,

and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

3 'Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.'

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'

7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron,

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling ¹² kiss his feet,

or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

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

Exodus 24: 12 – 18

GOSPEL

St Matthew 17: 1 – 9

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 355 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd (*Regent Square/439*)

SERMON

HYMN 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind *(Repton)*

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 644 O Jesus I have promised

(*Thornbury*)

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro by Stanley

Welcome to the Harry Younger Hall, the temporary home of Canongate Kirk while the church is being redecorated. A livestreamed video of today's service is available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link. We are also uploading to our website photographs of the redecoration of the kirk as work progresses. The latest edition of our monthly newsletter is available on the website and paper copies can be found on the table in the foyer. If you would like to receive it by e-mail, please get in touch with the office. We have transferred the basket for foodbank donations to the hall in the meantime.

Next Sunday our morning service will incorporate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, followed later that day with our monthly united Evening Service in St Giles Cathedral at 7.30pm. Please note change of time.

Kirk Session The Kirk Session next meets on Monday 23rd February at 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall.

Coffee Morning Members of the congregation continue to be enthusiastic about raising funds, regardless how modest, towards our redecoration programme. Several now plan to organise a Spring Coffee Morning to take place in the Harry Younger Hall from 10am on Saturday 14th March. The theme of the event will be of a "bring and buy" nature where members of the Kirk may in advance bring along unwanted and unused gifts. One of the stalls for example will be looking for and selling "pre-loved" jewellery. **And by popular request there will now be a baking stall!** The event will be a perfect opportunity for members to bring along their friends for some fun, refreshments and "rummaging". Tickets priced £5 each can be purchased from Krista Ellis, Anne Croft or Dinah Croy. Contributions for selling on the day can be handed in either on a Sunday at church or to the kirk office.

Sunday Rotas Normal service will continue as much as possible while we meet in the Harry Younger Hall. 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. There is also a new cleaning rota for the Hall as we do not currently have a caretaker – this requires two people to give approximately an hour of their time towards the end of every week.

Free Will Offering Envelopes These are now available. However, as we are now having to pay bank charges on all cash paid into the bank, we would encourage you to consider switching to a monthly Standing Order if possible. Please speak to the Treasurer for more details. Thank you to those who have already made the switch.

St Giles' at Six - FREE concert tonight: Heriot-Watt Chorus and Chamber Choir perform a programme of Scottish music featuring folk song arrangements by Matt Brown, Brian Bonsor, Joan Proven, Richard Dearsley and new choral music by Gordon Cree and Claire McCue. www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events