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**Sunday 19th July 2026
Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Largo BWV 1043 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE Be rooted in Christ, be built in him, grow strong in the faith; let your hearts overflow with thankfulness. *Colossians 2: 7*

HYMN 127 O worship the King, all glorious above *(Hanover)*

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 139: 1 – 12

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

**⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

**⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

**⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?**

**⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

**⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

**¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

**¹¹ If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night’,**

**¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

GOSPEL

St Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

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 268 **O God of Bethel! by whose hand** *(Salzburg)*

SERMON

HYMN 498 **Angel voices ever singing** *(Angel Voices)*

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 519 **Love divine, all loves excelling** *(Hyfrydol)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C Major BWV 547 by JS 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 latest 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.

The Revd Charles Robertson LVO Members of the congregation will be sad to hear that Charlie, who was Minister of Canongate Kirk from 1978 to 2005, died on Thursday 16th July. His funeral will take place here in Canongate on Saturday 25th July at 11am, to be followed by a private committal. At this sad time we assure Alison and the family of our love and prayers, and give thanks for Charlie's life and ministry. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Next Sunday our morning service will incorporate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please note there will be **no evening service** on that day as our organist Simon Leach will be giving the 'St Giles at 6' concert that evening. Members of the congregation are encouraged to attend his organ recital in the Cathedral.

Canongate Kirkyard Summer Tours Eric Drake's second tour of the season – *Soldiers of the King* - takes place next Sunday 26th July at 12 noon. Find out about men who fought for King and country: but not always the same King and country. Tours are free, donations welcome.

Sunday Offering The Kirk Session has agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation that we should no longer take up an offering as part of the service. This is for the good reason that most people support the church financially in other more direct ways, for which we are very grateful. There is now a plate in the foyer beside the contactless machine where cash donations may still be placed before or after the service. An offering bag will still be brought forward during the service as we sing 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'

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.

St Giles' at Six TONIGHT - Duo Ultima: music for piano and saxophone. Next Sunday 26th July, our organist **Simon Leach** will be giving the St Giles at Six recital. *Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.*