

**CANONGATE KIRK  
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE  
AND EDINBURGH CASTLE**

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J S Bach

**OPENING SENTENCE**

Out of the treasure of his glory God grant you inward strength and power through his spirit, that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts in love.

*Ephesians 3: 16 – 17*

**HYMN 436**

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

*(Guiting Power)*

**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 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup> Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

**<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;**

**<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honour those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

**<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

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.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 1: 15 – 28

GOSPEL

St Luke 10: 38 – 42

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 153

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

*(Faithfulness)*

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

*(Hatherop Castle)*

THE BENEDICTION

*ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Festive March by Helen Leach*

**Welcome** to Canongate Kirk. This morning we extend a special welcome to all visitors - please join us in the foyer for tea and coffee after the service. Our service today is led by Andrew Henshaw while the Minister is on holiday. This is Andrew's last Sunday with us and we thank him warmly for his interest and involvement during the course of his 11week placement. We wish him well for the future and hope to see him back amongst us before too long. 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](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) - feel free to share the link. The latest 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.

**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.

**Open Kirk** There is a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sundays between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm. Please help if you can. Our student intern, Roselle Brown, has settled in very well and will continue to help with Open Kirk Mondays to Fridays throughout July and August. If you are passing by all means pop in to say hello, she'll be glad to see you!

**Historic Churches Walking Trail Launch** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July sees the launch of a new ecumenical walking trail. Consisting of 10 historic city centre churches including Canongate Kirk, the starting point for the launch will be St Giles' Cathedral, finishing at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place. It's hoped members of all the churches involved will participate so if you enjoy a walk in the company of others, do join in. All welcome! Please gather at St Giles' Cathedral on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July for a 10.30am start.** Anne Martin, who designed the project, has also produced an information leaflet which will be available on the day.

**Evening Service** Advance notice that at our 7pm service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July we will be joined by Streatham Choral, a 65-member choir from London. Obviously there will be a bigger musical dimension than usual and it should be a memorable service. All welcome.

**Craft Club** Also in advance notice, please be aware that next month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30pm – 8pm in the **Manse Meeting Room** (NOT the Harry Younger Hall as it is booked up for the Fringe.) New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

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| <p><b><i>St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight:</i></b>      <b>Hartford Chorale</b>, directed by Jack Anthony Pott and accompanied by James R Barry on the organ, present a programme of British and American chorale music from the last 100 years.,<br/><a href="http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events">www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events</a></p> |
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