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Sunday 6th July 2025

Third Sunday after Trinity

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio in C major BWV 564 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE
the Lord.

With unflagging zeal, aglow with the Spirit, serve

Romans 12:11

HYMN 189 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

(Be Still)

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 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

**³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.**

**⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

**⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

**⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
'I shall never be moved.'**

**¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!'**

**¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

**¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.**

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

2 Kings 5: 1 – 5, 9 – 11, 13, 14

GOSPEL

St Luke 10: 1 – 11

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)

HYMN 187 There's a wideness in God's mercy

(*All for Jesus*)

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.

SERMON

HYMN 190 **Art thou afraid his power shall fail** *(St Stephen)*

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 192 **All my hope in God is founded** *(Groeswen)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in F major (from Symphony no.5) by Widor*

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. 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 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.

Organist In Simon's absence giving concerts in Norfolk, and our other regular stand-ins being on holiday, organ duties this morning are being shared by Simon's star pupil Becca Ye, and the Minister. The difference will be obvious....

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.

Craft Club The next meeting will be on Monday 14th July in the Harry Younger Hall from 6.30pm – 8pm. New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

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, started this week helping with Open Kirk Mondays to Fridays in July and August. If you are passing by all means pop in to say hello, she'll be glad to see you!

<p><i>St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight:</i> Organ Recital - Mark Brafield. A programme of Bach, Leighton, Neil Cox, Toon Hagen and Léonce de Saint-Martin on the renowned Rieger organ. www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events</p>
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