

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

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Sunday 14th June 2026

Second after Trinity

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Prelude on 'Old 100th' by J Pachelbel

We now implore God the Holy Ghost by D Buxtehude

Aria by P Manz

OPENING SENTENCE

The Spirit of God affirms to our spirit that we are God's children. He comes to the aid of our weakness.

Romans 8: 16, 26

HYMN 63

All people that on earth do dwell

(Old 100th)

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 116: 1 – 2, 12 – 19

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

**¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

**¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

**¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

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

Romans 5: 1 – 8

GOSPEL

St Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

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 625 O thou who camest from above *(Hereford)*

SERMON

HYMN 595 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us *(St Clement/220)*

OFFERING *(Adagio in G minor by M Camidge)*

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 515 Soldiers of Christ, arise *(From Strength to Strength)*

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fantasia in G, BWV 572, 2nd movement* 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. Today we welcome David Stewart to the organ bench while Simon is away. 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 monthly service at Croft an Righ, Abbeyhill, takes place **next Sunday**, 21st June, at 4pm. Members of the congregation are more than welcome to attend and stay for a chat afterwards.

Our redecoration project is almost complete. Thanks to a generous benefactor, we have also taken the opportunity to install a new audio-visual system – adjustments will need to be made so please bear with us as we try to get the settings right, both for the congregation in the pews and those watching on-line. Please also note that the city council – which owns the kirkyard – have tightened up on their rules about the gate. Frustrating as it may be, we can no longer leave the gate open and unattended, so please avoid driving into the kirkyard unless you really need to.

Kirk Session The next meeting is on Monday 22nd June at 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall.

Open Kirk The Royal Mile is packed with tourists again and our student interns are now welcoming visitors to the Kirk Monday to Friday. However, we are looking for volunteers for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. Open Kirk is a valuable source of revenue for the church and if you would like to take a turn please sign up on the board in the foyer or contact Lesley Wallace on lesley.wallace@blueyonder.co.uk

Summer Concerts

28 th June 4pm	Danish Chamber Choir	FREE
6 th July 2.30pm	Seattle Children's Chorus	FREE

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.

Stamps Please continue to bring any used stamps along to church and put them in the box at the back of the church. Please trim the stamps leaving a margin of about a quarter of an inch (0.6cms) around them. We have already received £57 for the first sack of stamps.

St Giles' at Six - FREE concert: Rudsambee Company of Singers. Returning to St Giles' Cathedral to present an eclectic programme of choral music
Free entry, with an optional donation. Register for your ticket on Eventbrite.