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**Sunday 29th June 2025
2nd after Trinity**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

We have come together as the family of God
in our Father's presence
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive his holy word,
to bring before him the needs of the world,
to ask his forgiveness of our sins,
and to seek his grace,
that through his Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to his service.

There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, its endurance.

1 Corinthians 13:7

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in B minor BWV 544 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN 627 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

(Capetown CH3/438)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

PRAYERS including

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 77: 1 – 2, 11 – 20

¹ I cry aloud to God,

aloud to God, that he may hear me.

² **In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;**

in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;

my soul refuses to be comforted.

¹¹ I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;

I will remember your wonders of old.

¹² **I will meditate on all your work,**

and muse on your mighty deeds.

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is so great as our God?

¹⁴ **You are the God who works wonders;**

you have displayed your might among the peoples.

¹⁵ With your strong arm you redeemed your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ **When the waters saw you, O God,**

when the waters saw you, they were afraid;

the very deep trembled.

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water;

the skies thundered;

your arrows flashed on every side.

¹⁸ **The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;**

**your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.**

¹⁹ Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.

²⁰ **You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

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

Galatians 5: 1, 22 – 25

GOSPEL

St Luke 9: 51 – 62

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 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

(Skye Boat Song)

REFLECTION

HYMN 608 Spirit of truth and grace

(Down Ampney)

**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.**

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS including:

**The Lord be with you,
And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**... therefore, with your people of all places and times, and with the whole company
of heaven, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise in the angels' song:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Gracious God
we give you glory, thanks and praise
for the dying and undying love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
In your great goodness
you have brought us into communion with him
and with all who love him,
and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom.
By your grace, may we continue in this holy fellowship,
and live to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 519 Love divine, all loves excelling *(Hyrfydol)*

THE BENEDICTION ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in B minor BWV 544* by J S Bach

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. As usual on this last Sunday of the month our service incorporates the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. The bread is gluten free and the wine port with a touch of water. Please note that individual glasses will be available in the King David Aisle only. Those sitting either side of the central aisle will be served with a common cup. Please choose your pew according to whether you prefer common cup or individual glass. 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 also 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.

Evening Service Our monthly united service with St Giles' will take place TONIGHT at 7pm here in Canongate Kirk. Rev Dr Sam Nwokoro will give an address as his time on the Ministerial Team of St Giles' comes to an end and he prepares to head home to Nigeria. We have enjoyed Sam's involvement over the last couple of years and wish him every success in the future. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

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. We look forward to welcoming Roselle Brown on a student internship to help with Open Kirk Mondays to Fridays in July and August. Roselle starts this week and if you are passing by all means pop in to say hello, she'll be glad to see you!

Sunday Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea and coffee after the service, reading lessons or being part of a Sunday welcome team.

Concert Today Later today at 1pm the Mississauga Festival Choir from Canada will perform a diverse programme with a focus on Canadian repertoire. Admission free. All welcome.

The Late Mairi Grossart A reminder that a memorial service will be held in Canongate Kirk tomorrow afternoon, Monday 30th June, at 2.30pm following a private family funeral. We continue to remember Mairi with affection and assure her family of our thoughts and prayers at this time.

<p>St Giles at Six - Free concert tonight: Highland Park United Methodist Church Chancel Choir from Dallas Texas. https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</p>
