

**CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
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Sunday 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Sunday

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Siciliano BWV 1031 by J. S. Bach

OPENING SENTENCE Look after the flock of God whose shepherds you are.
So when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive glory, a crown that never
fades.

1 Peter 5: 2, 4

HYMN 132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

(St Denio)

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

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 9: 36 – 43

GOSPEL

St John 10: 22 – 30

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 462 The King of Love my Shepherd is (*Dominus Regit Me*)

SERMON

HYMN 680 You are called to tell the story (*Regent Square*)

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 511 Your hand, O God, has guided (*Thornbury*)

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Nun danket alle Gott* by Karg Elert

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. We also welcome Andrew Henshaw, a candidate in training for ministry in the Church of Scotland, at the beginning of a placement with us. We look forward to having Andrew with us for the next couple of months. 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 monthly service at Croft an Rìgh, Abbeyhill, takes place this afternoon at 4pm. Members of the congregation are more than welcome to attend and stay for a chat afterwards. 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.

BBC Radio 4 The Minister's recent *Prayer for the Day* series is available on BBC Sounds <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b006qmpj> until 9th June.

Open Kirk There is a new rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sundays from May to September between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm. There is also another rota for weekdays if anyone wants to sign up on an ad hoc basis now that the tourist season has started up again, but please check the on-line calendar for occasional events already booked in.

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.

Craft Club next meets tomorrow from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Harry Younger Hall. Everyone is welcome, crafters and non-crafters alike.

Christian Aid Book Sale The book sale began yesterday at Edinburgh New Town Church (formerly St Andrew's & St George's West) in George Street and continues tomorrow until Friday 16th May at 3.30pm. There is also a shorter sale at Morningside United Church on Holy Corner taking place today 1pm – 5pm and tomorrow 10am – 3pm. Details at <https://holycornerbooksale.wordpress.com/>

Yehudi Menuhin School The recent concert given by those talented young musicians raised £500 towards church funds. Thanks to everyone for their support and not least to Henrietta Thewes for organising it.

Sunday 25th May An early reminder that our morning service in a fortnight's time will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion, with our monthly united evening service taking place later that day at 7pm. Please be aware it is also the day of the Edinburgh Marathon and the city centre will be particularly congested in the morning.

<p>St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight: Christopher Herrick - Organ Recital www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events</p>
