

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

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Sunday 17th May 2026

Sunday after Ascension

General Assembly Sunday

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in C minor BWV 562 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE We see Jesus, who for a short while was made subordinate to the angels, crowned now with glory and honour.

Hebrews 2: 9

HYMN 459 Crown him with many crowns

(Diademata)

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 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**² For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

**⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

**⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

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

Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

GOSPEL

St Luke 24: 44 – 53

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.**

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. 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 May 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.

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.

Craft Club This month's craft club takes place TOMORROW, May 18th, and will be focussed on planning for our Christmas craft market and coffee morning this November. If you would be interested in crafting something for this, please join us on May 18th at 6:30 in the Harry Younger Hall.

Marathon Weekend The Edinburgh Marathon is taking place next Sunday 24th May and the usual parking restrictions and road closures apply. The Canongate will be closed to vehicles until 12 noon on Sunday 24th May with parking restrictions until 12.30. Please allow extra time to get to church but don't be deterred. For detailed information visit <https://bit.ly/4tGDNIN>

Concert in May

On 30th May at 7.30pm Open Orchestra will perform the ever popular Freischütz Overture by Weber and the rarely played Symphony 1 by Kalinnikov. Admission FREE with a retiring collection.

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 We have found a company who will recycle used stamps with the money coming directly to the Kirk so please continue to bring any used stamps along to church and put them in the box at the back of the church. We would just ask that you 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: Philos Piano Trio

Free entry, with an optional donation. Register for your ticket on Eventbrite.