

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

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Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Saints Sunday

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor BWV 565 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

You are reaping the harvest of your faith, that is, salvation for your souls.

1 Peter: 1 – 9

HYMN 741 Glory to you, O God, for all your saints in light *(Darwall's)*

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 119: 137 – 144

You are righteous, O Lord,
and your judgements are right.

¹³⁸ **You have appointed your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.**

¹³⁹ My zeal consumes me
because my foes forget your words.

¹⁴⁰ **Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.**

¹⁴¹ I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.

¹⁴² **Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.**

¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.

¹⁴⁴ **Your decrees are righteous for ever;
give me understanding that I may live.**

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 1:11 – 23

GOSPEL

St Luke 19: 1 – 10

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	<i>(Hereford)</i>
SERMON		
HYMN 636	Baptized in water	<i>(Bunessan/212)</i>
BAPTISM	Hector Anson Bentley Laing	
BLESSING	796 The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.	
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		<i>ending with The Lord's Prayer</i>
HYMN 739	The Church's one foundation	<i>(Aurelia)</i>
THE BENEDICTION		<i>ends with sung Amen</i>
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	<i>Fugue in D minor BWV 565 by J S Bach</i>	

Welcome to Canongate Kirk. Today we are glad to welcome the family and friends of Hector Laing who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. 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. 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. A livestreamed video of today's service is available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link.

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. We remain open to visitors at weekends so there is also a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on wedding-free Saturdays (mornings and afternoons) and Sunday afternoons. Please help if you can. There are still a lot of visitors and tourists on the Royal Mile!

Canongate Kirk Fundraising Programme

Further to the announcement in last month's newsletter that we are going ahead with the redecoration of the interior of Canongate in the New Year, the first fundraising event will be a **concert at 7pm on Friday 7th November** with a varied programme of songs entitled 'Daydreams and Nocturnes' here in the Kirk. Tickets @ £10 each. Further to this, our organist Simon's very talented student, 14-year-old Becca, will perform a **piano recital following the service on 23rd November**. This will begin shortly after the service and run for around 30 minutes. As the Minister often tells people attending non ticketed concerts "entry is free but you have to pay to leave!" Last but by no means least there will be a fundraising **Christmas Supper in the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 16th December**. Tickets @ £20 each. Tickets for both events are available in church today. There will be other events to help replenish our resources as the weeks and months go by – if you would like to suggest, or better still organize, something please let us know!

BBC Radio Scotland You might like to know that the Minister pre-recorded the weekly 'New Every Sunday' programme which was broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland this morning and will also lead next Sunday's broadcast at 7am. www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002lp97

Remembrance Sunday this year falls NEXT Sunday, 9th November, when our service will begin slightly later than usual at 10.45am. As always there will be a retiring offering in aid of Poppy Scotland and a short wreath-laying ceremony by the War Memorial afterwards. Poppies are available at the back of the church.

St Giles' at Six - FREE concert tonight: Organ recital - Jordan English
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