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Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints Day

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude in G major* by Stanford

OPENING SENTENCE Give joyful thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share the heritage of God's people, in the realm of light.

Colossians 1: 12

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

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 34: 1 – 10

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

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 1 John 3: 1 – 3

GOSPEL St Matthew 5: 1 – 12

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 741 Glory to you, O God *(Darwall's 148th)*

ADDRESS

HYMN 636 Baptized in water *(Bunessan/212)*

BAPTISM Annabel Grace Thorneycroft

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.

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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 740 For all the saints, who from their labours rest *(Sine Nomine)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung* **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Allegro from Trumpet Concerto in C major* by Vivaldi

Welcome to Canongate Kirk! Today we are glad to welcome the family and friends of Annabel Thorneycroft 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. 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 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.

Next Sunday, 8th November, is Remembrance Sunday and our service will begin slightly later than usual at 10.45am. Afterwards a retiring offering will be shared with Poppy Scotland and there will be a short wreath-laying ceremony by the War Memorial outside.

Festival of Flowers In support of the Tour de 4 Cycle Event set up by Sir Chris Hoy, Blackhall St Columba's Church, Columba Road, EH4 3QU is holding a festival of flowers with live music, craft displays and refreshments and today is the last chance to visit from 2pm – 5pm. Free admission and all welcome.

Christmas Craft Fair Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 14th , from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and enjoy an afternoon of holiday shopping in the Kirk! Explore handcrafted gifts, festive Christmas décor, and delicious baked treats made with care. All proceeds will go to the Kirk. We look forward to seeing you!

November Concert On Saturday 7th November at 5pm, Calton Consort begin a series of concerts to celebrate their 25th anniversary with 'Twenty five' – Martin Mass for double choir and choral highlights from the past 25 years. Tickets £15/12 available from https://www.ticketsource.com/calton-consort or on the door.

Community Ceilidh All are invited to a St Andrewstide Community Ceilidh jointly hosted by St Giles' Cathedral and Canongate Kirk on Friday 27th November from 6.30pm – 10.30pm at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, Royal Mile. Tickets at £20 (free for accompanied under-18s) include a welcome drink and haggis supper. The event is not BYOB as the bar will be open all evening. Booking early is recommended as this is sure to be a very popular event! Tickets available on Eventbrite https://bit.ly/47K9pnN

Stamps and Food Please continue to bring any used stamps along to church and put them in the box at the back of the church. And don't forget the basket for food bank donations in the foyer is in place all year round.

St Giles' at Six TONIGHT - Recital by St Giles' Assistant Organist Jordan English, which will include music by Böhm, Dupré and Alain. ***Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.***

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