

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

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Sunday 19th October 2025

Eighteenth After Trinity

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Allegro in D Major by C P E Bach

OPENING SENTENCE It is good to give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.

Psalm 106: 1

HYMN 124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *(Lobe den Herren)*

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: 97 – 104

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

¹⁰² I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 107: 23 – 32

GOSPEL

St Luke 18: 9 – 14

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 520	Ye who the name of Jesus bear	(St Peter/461)
SERMON		
HYMN 600	Spirit of God, unseen as the wind	(Skye Boat Song)
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 260	Eternal Father, strong to save	(Melita)
THE BENEDICTION		<i>ends with sung Amen</i>
CLOSING VOLUNTARY		<i>Carrillon de Westminster by Louis Vierne</i>

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. 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. You might notice extra cables and cameras in church this morning. This is because we are trialling a possible new system for live-streaming and recording our services, but it shouldn't affect our usual livestream this morning.

Next Sunday our morning service will incorporate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, followed later that day with our monthly united Evening Service with St Giles' here at 7pm. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

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 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 this 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 are available NOW. Please mark the evening in your diaries! Likewise, a fundraising **Christmas Supper in the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 16th December**. 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!

Art Sale for Christian Aid Collectors and art lovers are invited to a sale full of character, colour and history including paintings, prints and books. From 19th century landscapes to bold contemporary visions, this special sale will celebrate the breadth of artistic talent that has flourished in Scotland and beyond. From noon and 7pm on Friday 24th and from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 25th October in the New Town Church, 13 George Street.

St Giles' at Six - FREE concert tonight: Clare Hoffman (violin) and Christopher Bevan (piano) perform music by Handel, Brahms and Janacek. For future concerts, see [www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)