

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

www.canongatekirk.org.uk

Email:canongatekirk@btinternet.com

Tel: 0131 556 3515

Minister: The Revd Neil Gardner LVO MA BD DL

Organist: Mr Simon Leach FISM GMusRNCM



**Sunday 11th October 2026
Harvest Thanksgiving**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Te Deum by Charpentier

OPENING SENTENCE
God, bless us.

The earth has yielded its harvest. May God, our

Psalm 67: 6

HYMN 233 Come, you thankful people, come

(St George's Windsor)

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 145: 8 – 16

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

**¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

**¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

**¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**

**¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

**¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

**¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT
GOSPEL

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 3, 8 - 11
St Matthew 13: 24 – 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 229 **We plough the fields and scatter** *(Wir Pflugen)*

SERMON

HYMN 251 **For the fruits of all creation** *(Ar Hyd y Nos/562)*

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 182 **Now thank we all our God** *(Nun Danket)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Nun Danket Alle Gott by Karg Elert*

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. 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.

Harvest Thanksgiving Thanks to everyone who has brought donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries, which will be transferred to the Trussell Trust Edinburgh Foodbank network. Cash donations may also be given for our own Homeless Fund.

Craft Club This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be tomorrow, Monday 12th October from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Harry Younger Hall. New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

Autumn Concert On Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm St Andrew Camerata present a programme of songs of leaving and absence, centred on Parry's profoundly beautiful *Songs of Farewell* and also featuring works by Finzi, Stanford and Vaughan Williams. Tickets £12/10 – available in advance at <https://bit.ly/3TuASX5> and on the door.

Evening Talk and Reception In a return to our previous pattern of occasional talks, Mark Peel will present “Donald Dewar: A Man out of Time” at 7pm on Thursday 29th October in the Harry Younger Hall. The first First Minister at Holyrood is the enigmatic subject of Mark's latest biography. An invitation has been extended through our parish grouping to folks from St Giles', and also to the Scottish Parliamentary community. 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.

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.