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**Sunday 18th October 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

Luke the Evangelist

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Adagio from Clarinet Concerto* by Mozart arr Patten

OPENING SENTENCE The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4: 11 – 12

HYMN 363 We have a gospel to proclaim

(Walton)

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 147: 1 – 7

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;

for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the broken-hearted,

and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre.

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

Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9

GOSPEL

St Luke 10: 25 – 37

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 553 Just as I am, without one plea *(Saffron Walden)*

SERMON

HYMN 609 Come, living God, when least expected *(220/St Clement)*

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 248 'For my sake and the gospel's, go *(Bishopgarth)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Ciacona in E minor BuxWV 160 by Buxtehude*

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.

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. Please note that next Sunday marks the end of British Summer Time and **clocks go back 1 hour**.

Harvest Thanksgiving Thanks to everyone who brought a whole car-load of donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries for the Trussell Trust Edinburgh Foodbank network, and cash donations of well over £300.

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 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.

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. The event runs for three days on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October, 10am – 6pm, and Sunday 1st November, 2pm – 5pm. Free admission and all welcome. Donations in aid of Prostate Cancer UK, Breast Cancer Now, Maggie's, Cure Leukaemia and Macmillan Cancer Support. For more information contact flowerfestival26@outlook.com

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 - Lawrence Dunn and Philomusica of Edinburgh present J. S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5 and the Scots Suite by Brian Bonsor (born 1926) <i>Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.</i>
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