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Sunday 7th September 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Aria (Concerto Grosso No 12) by G F Handel</i>
OPENING SENTENCE	We have set our hope on the living God, who is the Saviour of all.
<i>1 Timothy 4:10</i>	

HYMN 189 Be still, for the presence of the Lord *(Be Still)*

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 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 14

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

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

Jeremiah 18: 1 – 6

GOSPEL

St Luke 2: 27 – 33, 39 – 40

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 152 Praise the Lord, his glories show *(Llanfair)*

REFLECTION

HYMN 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer *(Belmont)*

BAPTISM Charlie James Brydon Cunningham

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 *ending with The Lord's Prayer*

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

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C Major BWV 547 by J S Bach*

Welcome to Canongate Kirk. Today we are glad to welcome the family and friends of Charlie Cunningham 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. A livestreamed video of today's service is available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link. The September 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.

Croft an Righ The monthly service at our local sheltered housing complex in Abbeyhill takes place **this afternoon** at 4pm, when all are welcome. We shall be remembering with affection and appreciation the late Etta Geekie, who supported Croft an Righ so willingly, not least in these monthly gatherings, in her capacity as district elder.

Craft Club This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be **TOMORROW**, Monday 8th 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.

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship A reminder that this was broadcast live from Canongate Kirk on Sunday 10th August and will be available on BBC Sounds for a few more days until 10th September.

September Concert First Presbyterian Chancel Choir on tour from the USA will hold a concert at 6pm on Tuesday 16th September. Admission Free.

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.

Open Kirk Our Monday to Friday schedule has now finished for the season, with grateful thanks to Roselle and to Francesca for keeping our red doors open and offering a warm welcome to thousands of visitors over the summer. In the meantime we remain open at weekends and there is a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturday mornings and afternoons and Sunday afternoons. Please help if you can. There are still a lot of visitors and tourists on the Royal Mile!

<p><i>St Giles at Six</i> - FREE concert tonight: Fettes College Choral Society www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events</p>
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