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**Sunday 18th October 2020
St Luke the Evangelist
Trafalgar Day**

We have come together as the family of God
in our Father's presence
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive his holy word,
to bring before him the needs of the world,
to ask his forgiveness of our sins,
and to seek his grace,
that through his Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to his service.

What does the Lord your God ask of you? Only this: to fear the Lord your God, to conform to all his ways, to love him, and to serve him with all your heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 10:12

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

107: 23 – 30

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;

²⁴ **they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.**

²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶ **They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;**

²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.

²⁸ **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;**

²⁹ he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰ **Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.**

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

2 Timothy 4: 1 – 8

GOSPEL

St Luke 10: 1 – 9

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.**

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.**

SERMON

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Largo for Recorder by Antonio Vivaldi

PRAYERS and *The Lord's Prayer*

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro by Johann Walther

WELCOME to Canongate Kirk. Please note one or two new intimations at the foot of this page. Whether you have been here since we reopened or are here for the first time since lockdown, it's good to be back. The metaphor of a journey is frequently over-used but at least we're pointing in the right direction! To ensure you head in the right direction when the service is over, please do not leave by the centre aisle but by the nearest side aisle and side door, maintaining a 2m distance from anyone in front of you.

Before you step out into the courtyard please sanitise your hands with the dispenser provided inside the outer door, where you will also find a brass plate for offerings in case you missed it on the way in! In recent months a number of members have kindly arranged direct means of supporting the church financially – advice on standing orders and electronic transfers can be got through the office, contact details for which you will find on the front cover. One-off donations can also be given via our website.

Thank you and bless you for being here today and helping us take these tentative steps back to “normal”. All being well, a livestreamed video of this service will be available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk We often get over 100 viewers - feel free to share the link with others who might be interested. If you know of someone who might like to attend a service but for one reason or another does not receive the weekly congregational email reminder, please ask them to get in touch with the office.

INTIMATIONS This morning's service incorporates the themes of St Luke's Day (today) and Trafalgar Day (Wednesday). In the latter connection we welcome representatives of the Royal Naval Association's City of Edinburgh Branch. Next Sunday our service will incorporate the Sacrament of Baptism, and it's worth noting that British Summer Time comes to an end on Saturday 24th October and the clocks go back an hour.

Facemasks A member of the congregation has kindly made and donated a range of colourful re-useable facemasks, which can be found inside the outer doors. Please feel free to take one in exchange for a modest donation if you wish.

Harvest Earlier this month we held a Harvest Thanksgiving service but without the usual appeal for donations of food and toiletries in support of Streetwork, the local resource centre for people struggling with homelessness and deprivation. Under the current circumstances our Kirk Session has agreed that direct financial donations should be encouraged – these can be made via the giving page on Streetwork's website <https://www.streetwork.org.uk/donate-3/>

In the absence of paper copies, the October edition of our monthly newsletter is also still available on the website.