

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

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**Festival Sunday**

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.

If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct its course.

*Galatians 5: 25*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Fanfare* by William Mathias

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN

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*(Down Ampney)*

Come down, O Love Divine,  
seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

There let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far surpass the power of human telling;  
we cannot guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup> **He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup> ‘Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.**

<sup>7</sup> ‘Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt-offerings are continually before me.**

<sup>22</sup> ‘Mark this, then, you who forget God,  
or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

<sup>23</sup> **Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me;  
to those who go the right way  
I will show the salvation of God.’**

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

Ephesians 4:1 – 16

GOSPEL

St Luke 12: 32 – 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)

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.**

**HYMN**

**502**

*(Nottingham)*

Take my life, Lord, let it be  
consecrated, glad, and free;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of your love;  
take my feet, that I may run  
bearing news of Christ your Son.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as you shall choose.

Take my will – your will be done,  
may my will and yours be one;  
take my heart - it is your own,  
it shall be your royal throne.

Take my love - my Lord, I pour  
at your feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
all for you, eternally.

## SERMON

## HYMN

470

*(Warrington)*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
declare his love in sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

## PRAYERS

*ending with The Lord's Prayer*

## HYMN

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*(Lord of the Years)*

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in E flat major BWV 552* by J S Bach

Covid restrictions have now eased significantly but if you have any of the associated symptoms obviously you should stay at home. We have removed the “no access” signs from alternate pews in the nave and the one-way system around the church. For the moment we are keeping some distancing options in the pews near the War Memorial Chapel so that anyone who is anxious can continue to feel safe within our building. Face masks are now optional in places of worship.

We remain hugely grateful to everyone who has supported Canongate Kirk financially by various methods over the last two challenging years. The contactless machine in the foyer has come in very handy, but it's worth noting that we are unable to claim Gift Aid on donations that come in via this means. If you regularly donate via the contactless machine and would like the congregation to claim Gift Aid on your donation at no further cost to yourself, please have a word with Jenifer Davidson, our Treasurer. Meanwhile we have a new means of facilitating donations to Canongate Kirk, using the QR code. When scanned with your smart phone it will take you straight to our digital donations page.



**Welcome** to Canongate Kirk and on Festival Sunday a special welcome to visitors joining us at this exciting time of year. Next Sunday we will also welcome two families for the Sacrament of Baptism. In the foyer you will find a brass plate for church offerings in case you missed it on the way in, and the contactless machine remains set for donations of £5 a time. All being well, a livestreamed video of this service will be immediately available on our website [www.canongatekirk.org.uk](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) - feel free to share the link with others who might be interested. The August edition of our newsletter is now available on our website. Spare copies of the latest Annual Review are available at the back of the church.

**Open Kirk** With restrictions easing and visitors on the Royal Mile increasing, we restarted Open Kirk on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We continue to focus on Sunday afternoons primarily and volunteers are encouraged to sign up for slots from 12-2pm or from 2-4pm on the board in the Kirk foyer. The hope is that the first shift might appeal to someone who has come to church and could stay on for a while after the service. But if you can help at other times that's good too, and the board in the foyer now includes weekdays as well. Just please be aware of the times when the church is already booked for concerts and events. These are marked on the board and can also be seen in our online calendar on the website. If you have not helped to welcome visitors and tourists before, and would like to find out more, please have a word with Lesley Wallace, our Open Kirk Co-ordinator.

**Streetwork** With thanks to everyone who has contributed clothing and foodstuffs in the past, the team at Streetwork has indicated that they are currently not in a position to receive further donations.

**Queen's Gallery Exhibition** *Masterpieces of Buckingham Palace*: a chance to enjoy some of the greatest paintings from the Royal Collection, with works by Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Rubens and Artemisia removed from the Picture Gallery at Buckingham Palace and temporarily displayed at The Queen's Gallery, Edinburgh. Tickets and information: <https://bit.ly/3sHW0Ji> Until 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Early Fringe Concerts at Canongate Kirk**

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Opera dei Lumi (Mozart & Haydn)	£16/£13/£10
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	8pm	Alastair Savage (Scots Fiddle)	£14/£12/£7
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	4pm	Stray Notes N Yorks Choir	FREE

*Tickets for all Fringe concerts available on the door or at*  
<https://www.edfringe.com/>

Details of **all** Fringe concerts at Canongate Kirk  
will be included in the August newsletter.