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Sunday 14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude for a Royal Swan by Helen Leach

OPENING SENTENCE I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

St John 6: 35

HYMN 424 **Blest be the everlasting God**

(Bishopthorpe)

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

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² **How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?**

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³ But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴ **When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ **There are many who say, ‘O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!’**

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ **I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 3: 12 – 19

GOSPEL

St Luke 24: 36 – 48

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 81 I to the hills will lift mine eyes (French)

REFLECTION

HYMN 634 Word of the Father, the life of creation (Was Lebet)

BAPTISM Christopher Buchanan Weld Menzies

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 430 Christ has risen while earth slumbers (Blaenwern/468)

THE BENEDICTION ends with sung Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fantasia in G major BWV 572 by J S Bach

Welcome to Canongate Kirk. Today we are especially glad to welcome the family and friends of Christopher Menzies who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. 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 latest edition of our monthly newsletter is also 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. The monthly service at Croft an Righ, Abbeyhill, takes place **this afternoon at 4pm**. Members of the congregation are more than welcome to attend and stay for a chat afterwards. A reminder that at our next evening service **at 7pm on Sunday 28th April**, our guest preacher will be The Right Revd Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. All welcome.

Sunday Rotas As a follow-up to our appeal for volunteers to help with Sunday duties new rotas have been drawn up and can be found at the back of the church. For Sunday duties we are hoping to have teams of six helpers consisting of three new volunteers and three elders. Please sign up to help in either capacity and aim to be here by 10am on the relevant Sunday. A number of people also offered to read lessons at Sunday services, for which a separate rota has also been created. Again please sign up if you would like to, and add your contact details.

Tea and Coffee Please note there is a new rota in the foyer for tea and coffee helpers from April to June. No experience needed.

Open Kirk Our programme to welcome visitors and tourists to Canongate Kirk has now resumed on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. Please sign up on the board in the foyer if you can help take a turn.

Events in May To mark the 250th anniversary of the death of Robert Fergusson, the Scottish Poetry Library has organised an evening to celebrate his extraordinary life and times at **7pm on Wednesday 1st May** here in Canongate Kirk. Poetry, music and conversation will be provided by writer James Robertson, academic Professor Rhona and musician Tommy Reckless. Tickets <https://bit.ly/3TA786S>

On **Friday 3rd May at 3pm** we once again welcome the latest generation of hugely talented students from the Yehudi Menuhin School of Music in Surrey for a concert of chamber music. Tickets £15/£7.50 All proceeds go to Canongate Kirk.

<p>St Giles at Six Weekly free concert tonight: JKL Duo – guitar and flute. https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</p>
