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**Sunday 29th September 2024
18th Sunday after Trinity**

**Sacrament of Baptism
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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.

Send out your light and your truth to be my guide; let them lead me to your holy hill, to your dwelling-place.

Psalm 43: 3

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in F BWV 540 by JS Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN 608 Spirit of truth and grace

(Down Ampney)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO PRAYER The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

PRAYERS including

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

ANTIPHONAL PSALM

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¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

² **if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,**
when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ **then the flood would have swept us away,**
the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

⁶ **Blessed be the Lord,**
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ **Our help is in the name of the Lord,**
who made heaven and earth.

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

1 Samuel 16:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 3:14-21

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.**

**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.**

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

REFLECTION *Sacraments: outward signs of an inward grace.*

HYMN 286 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Woodlands)

BAPTISM Ruairi Stewart Harrison

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 (How great Thou art, *sung by Ryan Vallo*)

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS including:

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... therefore, with your people of all places and times, and with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise in the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Gracious God

we give you glory, thanks and praise

for the dying and undying love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In your great goodness

you have brought us into communion with him

and with all who love him,

and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom.

By your grace, may we continue in this holy fellowship,

and live to the glory of your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 465 Be Thou my Vision

(Slane)

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Call to Care for Creation by Helen Leach

Please note that our organist Simon Leach will be giving the “St Giles at Six” recital in the cathedral next Sunday evening, 6 th October.

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Welcome to Canongate Kirk. This morning we extend a special welcome to all visitors - please join us in the foyer for tea and coffee after the service. Today we are especially glad to welcome the family and friends of Ruairi Harrison who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. On this last Sunday of the month, our service also incorporates the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The bread is gluten free and the wine port with a touch of water. Please note that individual glasses will be available in the King David Aisle only. Those sitting either side of the central aisle in the nave will be served with a common cup. Please choose your pew according to whether you prefer common cup or individual glass. 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.

Evening Service Our monthly united evening service with St Giles' will take place this evening at 7pm here in Canongate Kirk. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving Our traditional service of Harvest Thanksgiving will take place NEXT Sunday, 6th October, at 10.30am. The congregation is invited to bring along donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries, which will be transferred afterwards to the Trussell Trust Edinburgh Foodbank network, as will cash donations.

Your Church Needs You! A reminder of the rotas in place for volunteers to sign up to help with Sunday duties – if you'd like to be part of the welcoming face of Canongate Kirk, giving out hymn books and orders of service and taking up the collection etc, please sign up against any particular Sunday. There's a rota for those who would like to read lessons too. Not to mention the rotas to help with tea and coffee after the service, to arrange flowers in advance, and to support Open Kirk's remit of welcoming visitors and tourists at weekends.

Contactless Machine Our previous machine in the foyer has been replaced by a new 'Payaz' contactless machine which has allowed us to set up different donation values, or let the donor choose the amount they wish to give. Where applicable we will also be able to claim Gift Aid on donations. The first time you use the new machine you will be asked if you wish Gift Aid to be applied. If yes, just follow the steps on the screen. Once you have registered for Gift Aid, so long as you use the same card, you will not be asked again.

St Giles at Six - Weekly free concert tonight: Barbara Jones (Mezzo-Soprano), Ailsa Aitkenhead (piano) *My Grandmother's Songbook*
<https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events>