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Sunday 27th April 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter
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.

They who look to God are radiant with joy; they will never be put out of countenance.

Psalm 34: 5

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Trio Sonata in C, BWV 529, ii – Adagio* by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN 412 The strife is o'er, the battle done (Vulpinus)

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 118: 19 – 29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures for ever.

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

Acts 5: 27 - 32

GOSPEL

St John 20: 19 – 31

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 432 How often we, like Thomas

(Aurelia/739)

REFLECTION

HYMN 430 Christ is risen while earth slumbers

(Hyfrydol/445)

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.**

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.

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 425 The Saviour died, but rose again

(St Andrew)

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Trio Sonata in C, BWV 529, iii - Allegro* by J S Bach

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. We welcome David Goodenough back to the organ bench today while Simon is giving a concert at Buckfast Abbey in Ireland. As usual on this last Sunday of the month our service 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 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 service with St Giles' will take place TONIGHT at 7pm here in Canongate Kirk. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

Sunday Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea and coffee after the service, reading lessons or being part of a Sunday welcome team.

New Minister Induction An invitation has been extended to our congregation to attend the induction of Rev Scott Rennie, the new Minister at St Giles. The service will take place at 7pm this Tuesday, 29th April at St Giles' Cathedral followed by a reception in Parliament Hall to which we are also invited.

Governor's Installation Major General Bob Bruce is to be formally installed as Governor of Edinburgh Castle with a parade on the Esplanade at 6pm on Wednesday 30th April. Bob and Lorna are already regulars in our Castle Pew and we wish them well for this exciting occasion.

Kirk Session Please note that the next meeting will take place on **Thursday 1st May** at 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall. Please also note the change of day.

Yehudi Menuhin School Concert On Friday 2nd May at 6.30pm join us for our annual treat from some incredibly talented young musicians from Surrey performing music by Ravel, Chopin, Debussy, Brahms and Bach. Not to be missed! All proceeds to Kirk funds. Tickets £15/£7.50 on the door or from <https://www.musicinblairatholl.org.uk/tickets/>

BBC Radio 4 The Minister is once again recording the *Prayer for the Day* series on BBC Radio 4 to be broadcast at 5.43am on Saturday 3rd May then every morning from 5th – 9th May. There is no need to set your alarm so early, you can catch up on BBC Sounds <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b006qmpj> for one month after each episode.

Candidate in Training Next Sunday we will be joined by Andrew Henshaw, a candidate in training for ministry in the Church of Scotland, at the beginning of a placement with us. We look forward to having Andrew with us for the next couple of months.

Craft Club Moving its monthly slot from the second Wednesday of each month to the second Monday has proved to be a success for our Craft Club and resulted in enthusiastic newcomers joining the group. Why not join them? Everyone is welcome, experienced crafters and non-crafters alike. The next date will be Monday 12th May from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Harry Younger Hall.

<p>St Giles at Six -Free concert tonight: A selection of choral favourites, together with vocal and instrumental solos performed by Glenalmond College musicians. https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</p>
