

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

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**First Sunday after Trinity**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Dies sind die heiliger zehen Gebot BWV 671*

*by J S Bach*

**OPENING SENTENCE** We can take courage and say, 'The Lord is my helper.  
I will not fear; what can man do to me?'

*Hebrews 13: 6*

**HYMN 513** Courage, brother! do not stumble

*(Courage Brother)*

**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 42: 1 – 6

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> **My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

<sup>3</sup> **My tears have been my food  
day and night,**

while people say to me continually,  
‘Where is your God?’

<sup>4</sup> **These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:**

how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
**with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.**

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help <sup>6</sup> and my 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 19: 9 – 13

EPISTLE

Galatians 3: 23 – 29

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 485**      Dear Lord and Father of mankind *(Repton)*

**SERMON**

**HYMN 55**      Safe in the shadow of the Lord *(Creator God)*

**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 153**      Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father *(Faithfulness)*

**THE BENEDICTION** *ends with sung Amen*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**      *Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist. BWV 671 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. 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](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) - feel free to share the link. The latest edition of our monthly newsletter is 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.

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

**Open Kirk** There is a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sundays until September - between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm. We have secured a student intern to run Open Kirk Mondays to Fridays in July and August but if you are able to help on an ad hoc basis any day before 30<sup>th</sup> June, please sign up on the other weekday rota. Don't forget to check the on-line calendar for occasional events already booked in.

**Kirkyard Midsummer Tour** At noon TODAY Local historian Eric Drake will be our guide for a fascinating tour to discover some of the secrets of this historic space and of the people for whom it is the last resting place. These include the "father" of the New Town, a well-travelled son of a farm labourer, an enterprising young man from Greenland and a Scot who saw the start of the American Revolution. The tour will last roughly one hour. Free but donations welcome.

**Kirk Session Meeting** The Kirk Session will meet TOMORROW, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, from 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall. If anyone would like their name to be added to our congregational roll, please have a word with the Minister or Session Clerk.

**Next Sunday** Our morning service next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our monthly united evening service with St Giles' takes place later that day at 7pm when as usual we will be joined by a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir in the gallery.

#### CANONGATE KIRK CONCERTS

<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>1pm</b>	Masterworks American Choir	FREE
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>1pm</b>	Mississauga Festival Choir, Canada	FREE

***St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight: Edinburgh Recorder Ensemble:*** A broad programme of historical and contemporary repertoire for recorder orchestra using the full family of modern instruments: from sopranino and descant, through alto, tenor and basses, to the larger great bass and contrabass recorders. Conducted by Michael Graham  
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