

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

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Sixth after Trinity**

**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.

Jesus is able to save completely those who approach God through him, since he is always alive to plead on their behalf.

*Hebrews 7: 25*



OPENING VOLUNTARY *Allegro di molto (Sonata in D major)* by C P E Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

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

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 85

Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> **You forgave the iniquity of your people;**  
**you pardoned all their sin.**

<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup> **Restore us again, O God of our salvation,**  
**and put away your indignation towards us.**

<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us for ever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

<sup>6</sup> **Will you not revive us again,**  
**so that your people may rejoice in you?**

<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,**  
**for he will speak peace to his people,**  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

<sup>9</sup> **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,**  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**  
**and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

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

Colossians 2: 6 – 10

GOSPEL

St Luke 11: 1 – 13

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 547      What a friend we have in Jesus      (*Converse*)

REFLECTION

HYMN 662      Jesus, thou joy of living hearts      (*Maryton*)

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.**

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... 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.**

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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.**

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**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 167      Guide me, O thou great Jehovah      (*Cwm Rhondda*)

THE BENEDICTION      ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      *Prelude and Fugue in G minor. BuxWV149*  
by Dietrich Buxtehude

**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. 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, at the far right hand side of the church. Those sitting in the nave, 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](http://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 and we will be joined by Streatham Choral, a 65-member choir from London. Obviously there will be a bigger musical dimension than usual and it should be a memorable service. All welcome.

**Fringe 2025 Concerts** Separate leaflets giving details of all our concerts in August can be found at the back of the church. Also at the back of the church are fliers with a programme of what's on over the Fringe at Venue 13, aka Harry Younger Hall.

**Open Kirk** There is a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturdays and Sundays between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm. Please help if you can. Our student intern, Roselle Brown, continues to help with Open Kirk Mondays to Fridays throughout July and August. If you are passing by all means pop in to say hello, she'll be glad to see you!

**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.

**Craft Club** Advance notice that next month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30pm – 8pm in the **Manse Meeting Room** (NOT the Harry Younger Hall as it is booked up for the Fringe.)

<p><b>St Giles at Six</b> - Free concert <b>tonight</b>: Chamber Recital - Karolina Kubalkova <a href="https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events">https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</a></p>
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