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80th Anniversary of VJ Day

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Largo from Serse by Handel

OPENING SENTENCE

If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the spirit

also direct its course.

Galatians 5: 25

HYMN 160 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

(Praise, my soul)

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 33: 12 – 22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³ **The Lord looks down from heaven;**
he sees all humankind.

¹⁴ **From where he sits enthroned he watches**
all the inhabitants of the earth—

¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ **A king is not saved by his great army;**
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.

¹⁸ **Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,**
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹ to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ **Our soul waits for the Lord;**
he is our help and shield.

²¹ Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

²² **Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,**
even as we hope in you.

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

Micah 4: 1 – 4

GOSPEL

St Luke 15: 11 – 24

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 625 O thou who camest from above *(Hereford)*

SERMON

HYMN 462 The King of Love my Shepherd is *(Dominus Regit Me)*

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 702 Lord, in love and perfect wisdom *(Blaenwern)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in E major by Saint-Saëns*

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 - 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. Next Sunday's service will include the Sacrament of Baptism.

Edinburgh Fringe 2025 We are now well into our busy programme of concerts for the Fringe and events for the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts. Details can be found on a range of fliers or leaflets in church and on the website. Don't forget the schedule of performances in the Harry Younger Hall either, currently known as Venue 13.

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship This was broadcast live from Canongate Kirk this morning and will be available on BBC Sounds for a month. Making the inevitable connection with Edinburgh at Festival time, the service was led by former Moderator of the General Assembly, the Very Revd Sally Foster-Fulton, with music supplied by Siskin Green folk trio and singers from Edinburgh University Chamber Choir. Special thanks to those early-bird members of our congregation who came along to swell the hymn singing!

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 between 11am and 1.30pm or 1.30pm and 4pm. Please help if you can. Our student intern, Roselle, will continue to cover weekdays until the end of August.

Craft Club This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be TOMORROW, Monday 11th August from 6.30pm – 8pm in the **Manse Meeting Room** (NOT the Harry Younger Hall as it is booked up for the Fringe.) New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight:
[www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)

Hortus (directed by John Hails)