

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

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Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue by Telemann

OPENING SENTENCE Join in the struggle for that faith which God entrusted to his people once and for all.

Jude 3

HYMN 132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

(St Denio)

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 37: 1 – 9

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
**do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out
evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit
the land.**

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

2 Timothy 1: 1 – 14

GOSPEL

St Luke 17: 5 – 10

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 606	Lord, you sometime speak in wonders	(Stuttgart)
SERMON		
HYMN 500	Lord of creation, to you be all praise	(Slane)
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	<p>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
PRAYERS	<i>ending with</i> The Lord's Prayer	
HYMN 555	Amazing grace! how sweet the sound	(Amazing Grace)
THE BENEDICTION	<i>ends with sung</i> Amen	
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	<i>Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 649</i> 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 - 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.

Harvest Thanksgiving Our traditional service of Harvest Thanksgiving will take place next Sunday, 12th 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. Cash donations may also be given for our own Homeless Fund.

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. We remain open at weekends and there is also a rota in the foyer for volunteers to sign up for Open Kirk on Saturdays (mornings and afternoons) and Sunday afternoons. Please help if you can. There are still a lot of visitors and tourists on the Royal Mile!

Concert Tomorrow evening at 7.30pm, the Georgian Concert Society will perform *For Love Every Creature is Formed* – a special event with 14 performers featuring the music of Purcell and Charpentier with Academy Baroque soloists directed by Elizabeth Kenny. For tickets and more information visit <https://gcs.org.uk/tickets/>

Craft Club This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on Monday 13th October from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Harry Younger Hall.

Canongate Kirk fundraising programme Further to the announcement in this month's newsletter that we are going ahead with the redecoration of the interior of Canongate in the New Year, the first fundraising event has been arranged for the evening of Friday 7th November – a concert of opera and blues music here in the Kirk. Tickets @ £12 each will be available soon but please mark the evening in your diaries NOW! Likewise a fundraising Christmas supper in the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 16th December. There will be other events to help replenish our resources as the weeks and months go by – if you would like to suggest, or better still organize, something please let us know!

St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight: Organ Recital given by Timara Easter who will present a programme of music by Widor, Messiaen, Glass and many more. [www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)