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THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
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Sunday 26th October 2025
Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

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.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15: 4

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Allegro in D minor by Stanley

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN 598 Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire

(St Columba)

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 119: 129 – 135

Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;

it imparts understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ With open mouth I pant,

because I long for your commandments.

¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as is your custom towards those who love your name.

¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise,

and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,

that I may keep your precepts.

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,

and teach me your statutes.

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

Isaiah 45: 22 – 25

GOSPEL

St Luke 4: 16 – 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 601 Look upon us, blessed Lord (*Liebster Jesu*)

REFLECTION

HYMN 605 Thanks to God whose word was spoken (*Regent Square/110*)

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 363 We have a gospel to proclaim (Walton)

THE BENEDICTION ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue sur le nom d'Alain* by Duruflé

CONCERT

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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 - 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.

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 will be a **concert at 7pm on Friday 7th November** with a varied programme of songs entitled 'Daydreams and Nocturnes' here in the Kirk. Tickets @ £10 each are available NOW. Please mark the evening in your diaries! 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!

BBC Radio Scotland You might like to know that the Minister is leading the weekly 'New Every Sunday' programme on BBC Radio Scotland at 7am on Sundays 2nd and 9th November.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday 9th November when our service will begin slightly later than usual at 10.45am. As always there will be a retiring offering in aid of Poppy Scotland and a short wreath-laying ceremony by the War Memorial afterwards.

St Giles at Six - FREE CONCERT Philomusica of Edinburgh perform Haydn's Cello Concerto in C (soloist: Mike Ramsammy) and Neil MacKay's Violin Concerto (soloist: Lawrence Dunn) <https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events>