

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

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Andante* by C P E Bach

**OPENING SENTENCE** Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall walk in darkness; he shall have the light of life.'

*St John 8: 12*

**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 112: 1 – 9

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.

**<sup>4</sup> They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup> It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered for ever.**

<sup>7</sup> They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup> They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
**their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honour.**

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 58: 8 – 12

GOSPEL

St Matthew 5: 13 – 20

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN 202**      Stand up and bless the Lord      *(Carlisle)*

**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 252**      As a fire is meant for burning      *(Blaenwern/468)*

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

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**      *Allegro by C P E Bach*

**Welcome** to the Harry Younger Hall, the temporary home of Canongate Kirk while the church is being redecorated. 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. We are also uploading to our website photographs of the redecoration of the kirk as work progresses. The latest edition of our monthly newsletter is available on the website and paper copies can be found on the table in the foyer. If you would like to receive it by e-mail, please get in touch with the office. We have transferred the basket for foodbank donations to the hall in the meantime. The monthly service at Croft an Righ, Abbeyhill, takes place this afternoon, at 4pm. Members of the congregation are more than welcome to attend and stay for a chat afterwards.

**Craft Club** This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be TOMORROW, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, from 6.30pm – 8pm here in the Harry Younger Hall. New members are most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

**Coffee Morning** Members of the congregation continue to be enthusiastic about raising funds, regardless how modest, towards our redecoration programme. Several now plan to organise a Spring Coffee Morning to take place in the Harry Younger Hall from 10am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The theme of the event will be of a "bring and buy" nature where members of the Kirk may in advance bring along unwanted and unused gifts. One of the stalls for example will be looking for and selling "pre-loved" jewellery. Please do not donate foodstuffs. The event will be a perfect opportunity for members to bring along their friends for some fun, refreshments and "rummaging". Tickets priced £5 each can be purchased from Krista Ellis, Anne Croft or Dinah Croy. Contributions for selling on the day can be handed in either on a Sunday at church or to the kirk office.

**Sunday Rotas** Normal service will continue as much as possible while we meet in the Harry Younger Hall. 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. There is also a new cleaning rota for the Hall as we do not currently have a caretaker – this requires two people to give approximately an hour of their time towards the end of every week.

**Free Will Offering Envelopes** These are now available. However, as we are now having to pay bank charges on all cash paid into the bank, we would encourage you to consider switching to a monthly Standing Order if possible. Please speak to the Treasurer for more details. Thank you to those who have already made the switch.

<p><b>St Giles' at Six - FREE concert tonight:</b> Organ Recital, Laurent Jochum <a href="http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events">www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events</a></p>
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