

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

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**St David**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude* by Pachelbel

OPENING SENTENCE Let your face shine on your servants; save us in your unfailing love.

*Psalm 31: 1b*

HYMN 519 Love divine, all loves excelling

*(Blaenwern/468)*

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 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> **He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> **The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

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

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

GOSPEL

St John 3: 1 – 17

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 463      Fairest Lord Jesus      (*Schönster Herr Jesu*)

SERMON

HYMN 354      O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!      (*Eisenach*)

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 378      Praise to the Holiest in the height      (*Gerontius*)

THE BENEDICTION      *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      *Magnificat* by Pachelbel



**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 March 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.

**Charity Chop** On March 7th, Elise Ramsay will be going for her second 'big chop' for charity, donating 13" of hair to the Little Princess Trust, which makes wigs for children and young people suffering hair loss due to cancer treatment and conditions like alopecia. She is hoping to raise £700 to cover the charity's costs. In addition to providing wigs free of charge, the Trust also invests in research and fellowships which seek to find gentler treatments and cures for childhood cancers. No donation is too small and is greatly appreciated! Donations can be given to Elise directly or via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/elise-ramsay-the-big-chop>

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

**Swing Band Concert** The Heart and Soul Swing Band will be performing a charity concert on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at **Meadowbank & Willowbrae Church**, 83 London Road EH7 5TT. Entry is free with donations requested for Christian Aid Scotland. All welcome! For more information visit <https://mandwchurch.org.uk/>

**Annual Congregational Meeting** A short meeting to note our accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Copies of the accounts are available today.

**Sunday Offerings** Now that we are being charged to deposit cash into the bank, we encourage all members of the congregation who do not currently give via bank transfer to consider using our convenient contactless giving machine, Payaz. This will also enable us to claim Gift Aid where applicable. Full details are only required the first time you use the machine, making future donations quick and simple. Alternatively, you can continue to use the white envelopes, which enable us to claim Gift Aid and increase the value of your donation at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**Spring Coffee Morning** Helping to raise funds for our redecoration programme, there will be a coffee morning and 'bring and buy' event in the Harry Younger Hall from 10am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. 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. **And by popular request there will now be a baking stall!** 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 on a Sunday at church or to the kirk office.

**St Giles' at Six - FREE concert tonight:** Edinburgh University Chamber Choir  
[www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)