

**CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
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**Sunday 6th September 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in A major by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE Cry out, shout aloud, for the Holy one of Israel is among you in majesty.

Isaiah 12: 6

HYMN 181 For the beauty of the earth

(Lucerna Laudonae)

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 149

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings with fetters

and their nobles with chains of iron,

⁹ to execute on them the judgement decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

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

Romans 13: 8 – 14

GOSPEL

St Matthew 18: 15 – 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 625 O thou that camest from above *(Hereford)*

SERMON

HYMN 462 The king of love my shepherd is *(Dominus Regit Me)*

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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 502 Take my life and let it be *(Nottingham)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in A major by J S Bach*

Welcome to Canongate Kirk! We extend a special welcome to all visitors - please join us in the foyer for tea and coffee after the service. Our service this morning is conducted by Elspeth McPheat DCS while the Minister is on duty with the Order of St John in London. 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.

BBC Radio 4 Extra The Minister was asked to lead the Daily Service on BBC Radio 4 Extra on Monday 31st August. The broadcast, marking the end of the Edinburgh International Festival for another year, is now available on BBC Sounds for a month.

Riding of the Marches This spectacular annual event will take place next Sunday 13th September. It is free to watch and all are welcome - the horses will be making their way up the Royal Mile to muster by the Mercat Cross opposite the City Chambers, usually around 4pm. There may be parking restrictions in force on the Royal Mile in the morning but please don't let that put you off coming to church! More information at <https://edinburghridingofthemarches.com>

Sunday Offering The Kirk Session has agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation that we should no longer take up an offering as part of the service. This is for the good reason that most people support the church financially in other more direct ways, for which we are very grateful. There is now a plate in the foyer beside the contactless machine where cash donations may still be placed before or after the service. An offering bag will still be brought forward during the service as we sing 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'

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. The Open Kirk board has also gone back up to encourage volunteers at weekends.

Open Kirk Our weekday opening will finish shortly but we will continue to welcome volunteers to help on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. Open Kirk is a valuable source of revenue for the church and if you would like to take a turn please sign up on the board in the foyer or contact Lesley Wallace on lesley.wallace@blueyonder.co.uk

Stamps and Food Please continue to bring any used stamps along to church and put them in the box at the back of the church. And don't forget the basket for food bank donations in the foyer.

St Giles' at Six TONIGHT - James Hicks with a programme of organ music from Nordic countries. <i>Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.</i>
