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THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
AND EDINBURGH CASTLE**

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**Sunday 4th October 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**St Francis of Assisi
(1182 – 1226)**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in B minor BWV 544 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

How good and how pleasant it is to live together in
unity!

Psalm 133:1

HYMN 739 The Church's one foundation

(Aurelia)

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 19: 1 – 4, 7 – 10

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ **yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
**the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**

⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

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

Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20

EPISTLE

Philippians 3: 4b – 14

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 517 Fight the good fight with all your might *(Duke Street)*

SERMON

HYMN 528 Make me channel of your peace *(Prayer of St Francis)*

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 270 Put all your trust in God

(Ich Halte Treulich Still)

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in B minor BWV 544 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. A livestreamed video of today's service is available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link. The October 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, 11th October. The congregation is invited to bring along donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries, which will be gathered at the front of the King David Aisle and subsequently transferred to the Trussell Trust Edinburgh Foodbank network. Cash donations may also be given for our own Homeless Fund. Please note that because of a major military service at 1pm next Sunday there will be no parking on the street from 8am onwards.

Craft Club This month's meeting of the Craft Club will be on Monday 12th October 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.

Autumn Concert On Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm St Andrew Camerata present a programme of songs of leaving and absence, centred on Parry's profoundly beautiful *Songs of Farewell* and also featuring works by Finzi, Stanford and Vaughan Williams. Tickets £12/10 – available in advance at <https://bit.ly/3TuASX5> and on the door.

Evening Talk and Reception In a return to our previous pattern of occasional talks, Mark Peel will present “Donald Dewar: A Man out of Time” at 7pm on Thursday 29th October in the Harry Younger Hall. The first First Minister at Holyrood is the enigmatic subject of Mark's latest biography. An invitation will be extended through our parish grouping to folks from St Giles', and also to the Scottish Parliamentary community. All welcome.

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.

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 - Edward Taylor (Assistant Organist at Carlisle Cathedral) returns with an entirely French programme *Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.*