

**CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
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Sunday 23rd June 2024

4th Sunday after Trinity

Birth of St John the Baptist

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Improvised Prelude

OPENING SENTENCE Have no fear, for I have redeemed you; I call you by
your name; you are mine. *Isaiah 43: 1*

HYMN 484 Great God, your love has called us here *(Melita)*

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

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸ **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,**
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

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

Galatians 3: 23 – 29

GOSPEL

St Luke 1: 67 – 80

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 336 Christ is our light!

(Highland Cathedral)

REFLECTION

HYMN 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer *(Belmont)*

BAPTISM Edward Chambers Keesler & Tripp Bunting Keesler

BLESSING 796 The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

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 476 Mine eyes have seen the glory *(Battle Hymn of the Republic)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata All'Offertorio by Domenico Zipoli*

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. Today we are especially glad to welcome the family of Edward and Tripp Keesler who have come all the way from Connecticut USA, to be baptised into the world-wide family of the Church. We also welcome John Riley to the organ bench while Simon is away examining for the Associated Board of Music. 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. **Next Sunday** there will be Holy Communion at the morning service and we will also have our monthly united evening service with St Giles here at 7pm. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

BBC Radio 4 Prayer for the Day A reminder that the Minister's latest series began yesterday morning at 5.43am and continues from Monday 24th to Friday 28th June. As in previous years it will be available on the BBC iPlayer for a month afterwards, so don't feel you have to listen "live".

Kirk Session Next meets at 6pm TOMORROW Monday 24th June in the HYH.

Your Church Needs You! A reminder of the rotas in place for volunteers to sign up to help with Sunday duties – if you'd like to be part of the welcoming face of Canongate Kirk, giving out hymn books and orders of service and taking up the collection etc, please sign up against any particular Sunday. There's a rota for those who would like to read lessons too. Not to mention the rotas to help with tea and coffee after the service, to arrange flowers in advance, and to support Open Kirk's remit of welcoming visitors and tourists at weekends.

Canongate Kirkyard Tours The next of these fascinating monthly tours by guide and historian Eric Drake will be on Sunday 7th July exploring Canongate and the Arts (writers, painters, musicians and more.) Tours start at the front of the Kirk at 11.30am and last an hour.

Concert On Thursday 27th June at 6pm, the Slovenian Consulate is celebrating 33 years of statehood of Slovenia and 20 years of Slovenian diplomatic representation in Scotland with a concert here at Canongate Kirk. Internationally acclaimed pianists Sasha Geržely-Donaldson and Nicholas Ashton, both of the Royal Conservatoire Scotland, will together perform compositions for two pianos by Mozart, Chaminade and Debussy. Members of the congregation are warmly invited and admission is free.

<p><i>St Giles at Six:</i> Denis Kozminykh – saxophone. Admission FREE. www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events</p>
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