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THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
AND EDINBURGH CASTLE**

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**Sunday 27th October 2024
Sunday before All Saints**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

We have come together as the family of God
in our Father's presence
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive his holy word,
to bring before him the needs of the world,
to ask his forgiveness of our sins,
and to seek his grace,
that through his Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to his service.

You have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of good people made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Hebrews 12: 22 – 24

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor BWV565 by J S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

HYMN 742 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! (*Laudate Dominum*)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO PRAYER The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

PRAYERS including

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

ANTIPHONAL PSALM

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¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

² **for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.**

⁸ Who is the King of glory?
**The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

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 25: 6 – 9

GOSPEL

St John 11: 32 – 44

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.

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.**

HYMN 598 Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire *(St Columba)*

REFLECTION

HYMN 739 The Church's one foundation *(Aurelia)*

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS including:

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... therefore, with your people of all places and times, and with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise in the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Gracious God

we give you glory, thanks and praise

for the dying and undying love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In your great goodness

you have brought us into communion with him

and with all who love him,

and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom.

By your grace, may we continue in this holy fellowship,

and live to the glory of your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 740 For all the saints who from their labours rest (*Sine Nomine*)

THE BENEDICTION

ends with sung **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D minor BWV 565 by J S Bach

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. On this last Sunday of the month, and in anticipation of All Saints later this week, our service incorporates the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The bread is gluten free and the wine port with a touch of water. Please note that individual glasses will be available in the King David Aisle only. Those sitting either side of the central aisle will be served with a common cup. Please choose your pew according to whether you prefer common cup or individual glass. 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 also 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.

Evening Service Our monthly united service with St Giles' will take place TONIGHT at 7pm here in Canongate Kirk. Our guest preacher will be The Right Reverend Dr Shaw Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. After the service there will be an opportunity to meet the Moderator over refreshments in the foyer. All welcome.

Season of Reflection and Renewal Last year this ran from Harvest to Remembrance and gave members and friends an opportunity to identify ways in which they could help with the smooth running of Canongate Kirk Sunday by Sunday, and at other times too. If you're new to the congregation, or feeling more confident about volunteering this year, copies of the original form can be found once again at the back of the King David Aisle - feel free to fill one in and leave it in the box and we'll get back to you! As a result of last year's season of reflection and renewal there are 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. There are lots of opportunities to work with and get to know other members of the family of our congregation – don't be shy!

Next Sunday our morning service will incorporate the Kirking of the High Constables and Guard of Honour of Holyroodhouse.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday 10th November when our service will begin slightly later than usual at 10.45am. As always there will be a retiring offering in aid of Poppy Scotland and a short wreath-laying ceremony by the War Memorial afterwards.

Concert On Friday 1st November at 12 noon, the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will celebrate 100 years of its Edinburgh branch with a concert here at Canongate Kirk with musicians Muriel Johnstone, Pete Clark, Tim Macdonald and Peter Shand. For dancers and non-dancers alike! Tickets £10 from www.rscdsedinburgh.org

Christmas Supper Tickets for our congregational festive gathering of supper and carols on Thursday 12th December at 6.45pm in the Harry Younger Hall are now available from David Croft at £12 each. All welcome!

New Book on Holyroodhouse *The Palace of Holyroodhouse – A House of Many Memories* is a brand new publication by former Holyroodhouse senior curator Deborah Clarke. Drawing on new research and richly illustrated with historical drawings, photos and watercolours, this is the first official history of the palace ever published and has been many years in the making. More information and a link to order at <https://www.rct.uk/about/news-and-features/palace-of-holyroodhouses-dramatic-past-revealed-in-first-official-history>

<p>St Giles at Six - Weekly free concert tonight: Pentland Singers https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</p>
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