

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

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude in G major by Parry*

**OPENING SENTENCE** I am able to face anything through Christ who gives me strength.

*Philippians 4: 13*

**HYMN 189** Be still, for the presence of the Lord

*(Be Still)*

**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**

<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.'

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind  
to see if there are any who are wise,  
who seek after God.**

<sup>3</sup> They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;  
there is no one who does good,  
no, not one.

<sup>4</sup> **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and do not call upon the Lord?**

<sup>5</sup> There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **You would confound the plans of the poor,  
but the Lord is their refuge.**

<sup>7</sup> **O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

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

Ephesians 3: 14 – 21

GOSPEL

St John 6: 1 – 21

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**



**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. Our service this morning is conducted by Elspeth McPheat DCS while the Minister is on holiday. 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](http://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.

**Evening Service** Our monthly united evening service with St Giles' will take place this evening at 7pm here in Canongate Kirk. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

**Open Kirk** If members of the congregation can take a turn to welcome visitors on Saturday mornings and afternoons as well as Sunday afternoons, that would be much appreciated. There are already so many visitors and tourists on the Royal Mile and it's a shame to be closed when we could be open!

**Canongate Kirkyard Tours** The next of these fascinating monthly tours by guide and historian Eric Drake takes place next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August exploring Canongate's connections with the wider world. Tours start at the front of the Kirk at 11.30am and last an hour.

**Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival** As part of the Fringe, the Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August. This year the opening service will be incorporated into our regular 10.30am service next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, when we will be joined by the Choir of the Robin Chapel and an address will be given by James Holloway CBE, formerly Director of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. All welcome! Later that week, Canongate is also the venue for two more Sacred Arts Festival events – 'Refuge and the Road Home' with poets Christine De Luca and Elspeth Murray at 1.15pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, and the final of the Edinburgh Sacred Art Foundation's Young Composer competition at 1.15pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> with prizes to be presented by Dame Judith Weir, Master of the King's Music. For tickets and more information about these events visit <https://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/festival-2024-programme.html>

We have our own range of concerts as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe when Canongate Kirk once again becomes Venue 60. These begin with St Andrew Camerata's late night performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem at 10pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August and continue with the Stray Notes at 3pm next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August.

<p><i>St Giles at Six</i> - <b>FREE</b> concert: Chiara Lordi, piano <a href="http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events">www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events</a></p>
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