

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

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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
St Columba**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**     *Andante religioso (Sonata IV)* by F. Mendelssohn

**OPENING SENTENCE**     If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then the God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give new life to you through his indwelling Spirit.     *Romans 8: 11*

**HYMN 96**     You are before me, God, you are behind     *(Sursum Corda)*

**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> I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**before the gods I sing your praise;**

<sup>2</sup> I bow down towards your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

**for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.**

<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me,

**you increased my strength of soul.**

<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

**for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

**for great is the glory of the Lord.**

<sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;

**but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

**you stretch out your hand,**

**and your right hand delivers me.**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;

**your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.**

**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2: 43 – 47

GOSPEL

St Mark 4: 35 – 41

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

SERMON

HYMN 730      From the falter of breath      *(Iona Boat Song)*

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

THE BENEDICTION      *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      *Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata IV)  
by F. Mendelssohn*

**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. We welcome Stephen Doughty 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](http://www.canongatekirk.org.uk) - feel free to share the link. The latest edition of our monthly newsletter is now 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. The monthly service at Croft an Righ, Abbeyhill, takes place this afternoon at 4pm. Members of the congregation are more than welcome to attend and stay for a chat afterwards.

**Congregational Meeting** The Presbytery's proposed Bases of Reviewable Charge and of Parish Grouping have been approved by our Kirk Session. The next step will be for the congregation to vote their approval at a short meeting to be held after the service TODAY. Copies of the relevant documents have previously been circulated electronically and are now included with this leaflet. This is an important process for our congregation, please stay behind for a little while if you can.

**Happy Birthday Hilda!** We offer our warmest congratulations to Hilda Miller, the most senior member of the family of our congregation, who turns 100 this coming Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**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.

**Craft Club** The next meeting is this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30 – 8pm in the Harry Younger Hall. The group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike – you can be sure of a friendly welcome.

### **Canongate Kirkyard Tours**

The next of these fascinating monthly tours by guide and historian Eric Drake will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Concerts at Canongate Kirk in June**

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	Calton Consort - <i>Choral Pride</i>	£15/12
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	1pm	Cargilfield School Chapel Choir	FREE
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm	Slovenian Consulate Anniversary Concert	FREE

*St Giles at Six*: Reina Trio (FREE)

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