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Epiphany 2

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Introduction and Fugue (Organ Concerto No 1)
by Thomas Arne

OPENING SENTENCE
kingdom and glory.

Live lives worthy of the God who calls you into his

1 Thessalonians 2: 12

HYMN 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say

(The Rowan Tree)

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

36: 5 – 10

⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

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

1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11

GOSPEL

St John 2: 1 – 11

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)*

SERMON

HYMN 700 As man and woman we were made *(Sussex Carol)*

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 519 Love divine, all loves excelling *(Hyfrydol)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung Amen*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Concerto for Two Trumpets in C major by Vivaldi*

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. 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 December/January 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.

New Year, New Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea and coffee after the service, reading lessons or being part of a Sunday welcome team.

Next Sunday our morning service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Later that day at 7pm our regular monthly united evening service with St Giles' resumes here in Canongate Kirk. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery. All welcome.

Craft Club The Craft Club is planning to have a short general meeting following next Sunday's morning service, 26th January, to discuss plans for the upcoming year. We have some exciting ideas already, including the possibility of a needle felting workshop - and would love to discuss other ideas from regular crafters and new joiners alike on how we might find fellowship and serve the Kirk's mission through our crafts. Please join us if you are able!

Free Concert A concert of chamber music by Wind Serenaders to raise money for the charity UKMED and Music Action International will be held on Sunday 26th January at 3pm. Admission is free with a retiring collection. UKMED aims to bring together the best of the NHS, humanitarian and local health expertise to help the poorest in areas all over the world impacted by medical emergencies. Music Action International supports survivors of war and torture through music and creativity. This is one of three 'peace and freedom' concerts around the UK organized by the conductor and musician Laurence Perkins.

Stamps Don't forget that we have had an ongoing collection for used stamps for many years. This year's Stamp Appeal proceeds will go towards the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian project Firmly Planted, which aims to establish self-sustaining tree nurseries to nurture and protect the environment and protect livelihoods for households and communities in Malawi.

St Giles at Six - FREE concert tonight Alan Hastie & Glynn Eggar - Piano duo
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