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Sunday 22nd September 2024

17th Sunday after Trinity

Sacrament of Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major by Buxtehude

OPENING SENTENCE No place is left for any human pride in the presence of God. If any one must boast, let him boast of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1: 29, 31

HYMN 645 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord

(Jackson)

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

¹ Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
**or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

² but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ **They are like trees**

planted by streams of water,
 which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

James 3: 13 – 18

GOSPEL

St Mark 9: 30 – 37

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 688 By cool Siloam's shady rill (Belmont)

REFLECTION

HYMN 631 A little child the Saviour came (Commandments)

BAPTISM George William Thomas Costello

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 154 O Lord my God! (How great thou art)

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung* Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C Major* by Buxtehude

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 and friends of George Costello who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. 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.

Kirk Session next meets TOMORROW, Monday 23rd September, at 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall. Anyone who would like formally to join the congregational roll should have a word with the Minister or Session Clerk.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving Our traditional service of Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 6th October at 10.30am. The congregation is invited to bring along donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries, which will be transferred afterwards to the Trussell Trust Edinburgh Foodbank network. Cash donations may also be given for our own Homeless Fund.

Open Kirk We are grateful to Madalaine Wallace for being our weekday steward this summer. Now that the summer season is over we are reverting to weekends only. Please sign up on the board in the foyer if you can help welcome visitors on Saturdays or Sunday afternoons. There are still lots of visitors in town.

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.

Contactless Machine Our previous machine in the foyer has been replaced by a new 'Payaz' contactless machine which has allowed us to set up different donation values, or let the donor choose the amount they wish to give. Where applicable we will also be able to claim Gift Aid on donations. The first time you use the new machine you will be asked if you wish Gift Aid to be applied. If yes, just follow the steps on the screen. Once you have registered for Gift Aid, so long as you use the same card, you will not be asked again.

St Giles at Six - FREE concert: Brian Davidson, piano [www.stgilescathedral.org.uk /events](http://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events)