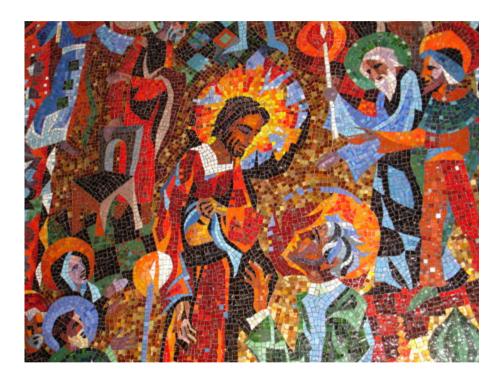
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00 16 April 2023

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

We are church with open arms, where each person is welcome in God's all-inclusive love.

Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this example. People of any economic status, marital or family situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our congregation. We honor the unique gifts of each.

Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church

If you are worshipping with us for the first time ${\rm or}\;{\rm if}$

you have been here before and would like to know more about our community, please fill out a connection card. You can scan this QR code to submit one online, or you can fill out the card on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering basket or give it to one of the ushers.



We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those who shared in worship leadership this morning: Reader: Maureen Gumbe Prayers: Judy Davis Altar care: Aleida Auld Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Mee Ji, Fulata Moyo, Nathan Wilson Usher: Valerie Marinoni Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Monika Herder Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group C Videography: Ana Villanueva and in compliance with Swiss law. You'll find our Data Privacy Notice at: <u>https://genevalutheran.church/data-privacy/</u> Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneva English-Speaking Congregation 20, rue Verdaine CH1204 Geneva, Switzerland Telephone / Fax: 022 310 50 89 Emails: pastor@genevalutheran.ch www.genevalutheran.ch Pastor: Rev. Andrew Willis Organist and Interim Worship Leader: Regine Kummer

Second Sunday of Easter + 16 April 2023, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Greeting

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! In the presence of the risen Christ, we become a community where sins are forgiven, where the living and enduring Word of God is proclaimed, where genuine, mutual love is the path of life in Christ's name. Each breath of the Spirit becomes the birth of the new, by which our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure, giving praise to the Blessed Trinity, one God, now and ever. Hymn

Come you faithful, raise the strain

John of Damascus c. 696-c.754. English, John Mason Neale	Johann Horn
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1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King im	pri - son, splen - dor,
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wel-comes in un-wea-ried strains Je - sus' re - sur	- dy - ing. - rec - tion. - know - ing.

From Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. You show me the path of life. In your presence, there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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Easter Acclamation Christ is risen from the dead



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

First Reading

Acts 2:22-32

[Peter addressed the crowd.] 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God.*

Easter Acclamation Christ is risen from the dead

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God.*



Alleluia

Gospel

The holy Gospel according to John, chapter 20 *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

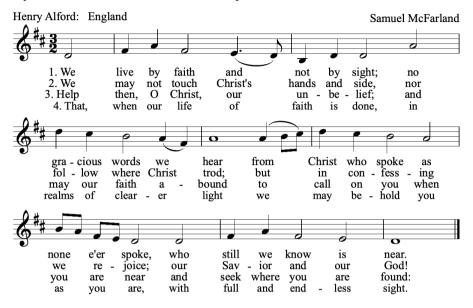
Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

We live by faith



Apostles' 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 again 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.

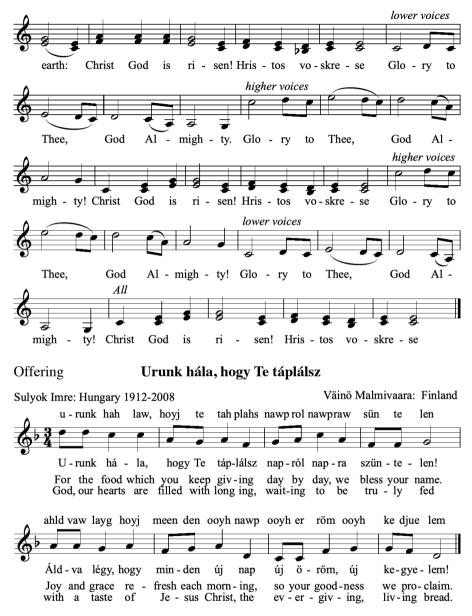
Prayers of Intercession God in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Passing of the Peace Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed!* Gathering of Gifts

Hristos voskrese

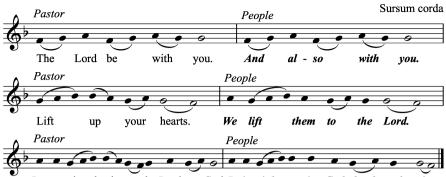
Serbian Easter Folk Song





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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



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

Preface

Sanctus

You are holy



The second time the men sing Part 2 while the women sing Part 1; then the men sing Part 1 while the women sing Part 2. Swedish, English and Music © Per Harling.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed be Jesus of Nazareth, *Christ is risen.* a man attested by God, *Christ is risen.* with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him, *Christ is risen.* who was crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law, *Christ is risen.* whom God raised up, having freed him from death. *Christ is risen.*

Words of Institution

Remembering

We eat and drink with the risen Christ, celebrating his presence with us. Sharing this bread, we are given a new birth into a living hope through his resurrection. When we drink from this cup, we receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls. We proclaim the mystery of our faith. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The Lord's Prayer

In our many languages

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

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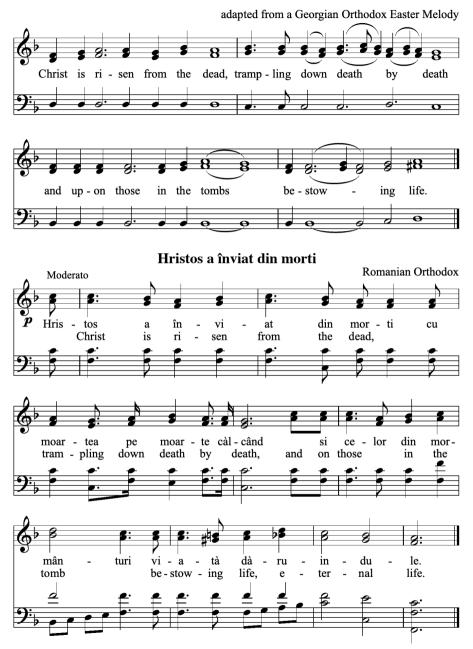
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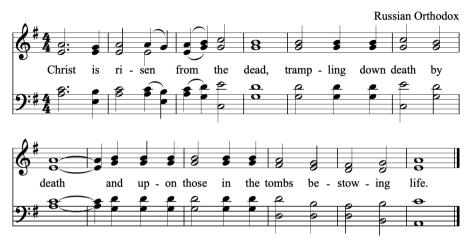
Communion

Because this is the table of Jesus Christ, all people are welcome and invited to his feast. Take a light-colored cup if you wish to receive grape juice or a dark-colored one if you wish to receive wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Communion Songs Christ is risen from the dead



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Christ is risen from the dead



Mfurahini Haleluya

Bernard Kyamanywa. English Howard S. Olson Hava Melody: Tanzania 1. M fu - ra - hi - ni, Ha - le - lu - ya M - ko - mbo - zi a has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. three long days the grave did its worst, 1. He Re-joice and praise him, 2. For un - til its strength by an - gel said to them, "Do not fear, you look 3. The for Je - sus spread the news, he's not the grave. He has a - ris - en 4. "Go in me - fu - fu - ka. - fu - fu - ka, Ha - le - lu - ya, A - me For our Al - le - lu - ia. Re-deem - er burst from the tomb, gives life did death your-selves the tomb God was dis-persed. did death un - der - go, He who See for all bare: is not here. who is us all to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done. Refrain Tu - mwi - mbi - e M - si - fu - ni sa - sa vu ha - i. so - te e - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to him its con - quest his might did show. and in ly - ing there." on - ly the grave cloths are is won." E - ven the bat - tle with sín ~ Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni. Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy. fu - ra - ha. kwa with end - less joy.



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2. A-me-fu-fu-ka M-ko-mbo-zi, Ha-le-lu-ya, tu-sha-ngi-li-e. Ngu-vu za mwo-vu a-me-shi-nda. A-me-tu-on-do-a ku-fa-ni.

3. Ma-la-i-ka a-li-waa-mbi-a Wa-na-wa-ke, «M-si-o-go-pe. Sa-sa ka-bu-ri li-po tu-pu, Kwa-ni Ye-su a-me-fu-fu-ka.»

4. «A-me-ba-ti-li-sha She-ta-ni. A-me-wal-le-te-a wo-ko-vu. Kwa hi-yo ni-nyi m-ta-nga-ze, Ni ha-ki-ka, Ye-su yu ha-i.»

Sending Forth

Benediction

Announcements and Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembering Roswitha – Fondue Dinner on 21 April

A message from Valerie Marinoni:

Many of you remember Roswitha Golder, who died suddenly at the end of February. Do you recall her famous fondue dinner parties that she so often offered at our Harvest Auction? Did you enjoy going to her house in Vessy?

We miss our dear friend and would like to have a moment to gather for a meal – what more appropriate than a fondue – in the Gemeinderaum at the church, on Friday 21st April at 18.30. To sign up, please contact Valerie Marinoni (valeriemarinoni@hotmail.com); please indicate if you have a fondue caquelon and/or a heater to bring with you. And please bring drinks to share. Thank you!

We will make sure there is enough cheese for a delicious, Roswitha-style meal, and a delicious dessert too. There will be a basket for your contribution to the meal.

Study Trip to Poland this September

Once every six to seven years, the Lutheran World Federation holds an Assembly, bringing together representatives of member churches from around the world. The next LWF Assembly will take place in Krakow, Poland this September; the local Lutheran church is offering a program for visitors connected to the Assembly, and a group from our congregation is planning to attend. This would be an opportunity to learn about the local church's history and its work with Ukranian refugees today, as well as to see some of the sights in this beautiful city and surrounding area.

The trip takes place from 9-12 September. The approximate cost of the 4 days will be around 550 – 600€, and includes overnights in a simple hotel, breakfast and dinner, admission tickets, bus, airport transfers, and English-speaking guide. This doesn't include your travel costs or an optional visit to Auschwitz – Birkenau. You can register by completing a paper form available at the church or the online form here: https://forms.gle/KcMvD7ba6gfxDEDZ7

Contact Valerie Marinoni with any questions.

Women's Circle Invitation

Ladies, come and join our Women's Circle! We will gather at our church – our village – one Saturday each month for coffee and croissants, and share in

discussion and fellowship. Come gather with us in our caring circle – let us join together our hands and minds, seeking to learn and laugh and grow, because it takes a village... Contact Marit Bauer-Moore or Cynthia Wilbers for more information.

Nursery Attendant During Worship

Nursery care for young children is now available on Sunday mornings. Ms. Kudzie Binari is originally from Zimbabwe; she is a university student in Geneva and worked in this same capacity for our congregation prior to the pandemic. Please join in welcoming her back to our congregation. Kudzie will be working each Sunday from 11h00 to 13h00 (except the first Sunday of each month, when worship is in the evening). Parents of children under age 4 are welcome to leave them with her in the nursery during the service and coffee hour time.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday. Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

23 April – Group D	30 April – Group E
7 May – Group A	14 May – Group B

If you can help on a week when your group is assigned, please let your group's coordinator know.

No Choir Rehearsal on 13 and 20 April

Please note there will be no choir rehearsals during the school break (13 and 20 April). Regular practices will resume on 27 April.

Masks Now Optional in Worship

For those worshipping at the church, masks remain welcome, but they are no longer mandatory. Please do use common sense. If you are not feeling well, please consider worshipping from home—the livestream remains a great way to connect to the service from afar.

Andy Willis Away this Week

Andy Willis will be out of town from 17-22 April. For pastoral concerns during this time, please contact Rev. Terry MacArthur: 079 652 32 96.

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This Week's Schedule:

Fri, 21 April	18h30	Fondue dinner at church		
Sun, 23 April	10h00	Church school		
	11h00	Worship on the Third Sunday of Easter,		
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mtata preaching				
Office hours this week:				
Tuesday, 9h00-17h00, Thursday, 9h00–17h00; Friday, noon–16h00				

Our church is entirely self-supporting. We count on our members and visitors

to give generously to support our congregation. You may contribute in cash through the offering bags. We can also accept your check in US dollars made out to "Evangelical Lutheran Church in America". On the memo portion, please write GMG 0858. There are payment slips at the back of the church if you would like to offer your support through our PostFinance or Credit Suisse accounts. Thank you very much! Bank details below:

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If you are a guest in our congregation this morning, please fill out the

connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We would love to learn more of your story and answer any questions you might have about our congregation.

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