

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneva
English-Speaking Congregation*

The First Service of Easter + 9 April 2023, 6h30
Bain des Pâquis

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

The Easter Proclamation

Processional Hymn **Lumière de Dieu**

*Lumière de Dieu, inonde la terre,
visite nos cœurs et demeure avec nous.*

Come light, light of God, give light to creation,
enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.

First Reading

Creation

Genesis 1:2-2:4a

Hymn

Morning has broken

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!*

Second Reading

Entering the Promised Land

from Joshua 3 & 4

Hymn

When I reach the Jordan river
sung to the tune of "Shall we gather at the river"

*When I reach the river Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death and hell's destruction
land me safe on Canaan's side.*

*Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

Response to the Word

Hymn

Shall we gather at the river

*Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?*

*Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

*As we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.*

*Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;*

1. *M-fu-ra-hi-ni, Ha-le-lu-ya M-kom-bo-zi a-me-fu-fu-ka.
A-me-fu-fu-ka, Ha-le-lu-ya, M-si-fu-ni sa-sa yuh a-i.*

*Refrain: Tum-wi-mbi-e so-te kwa fu-ra-ha.
Ye-su a-me-to-ka ka-bu-ri-ni.
Ka-shi-nda ki-fo, Ha-le-lu-ya,
Ha-le-lu-ya, Ye-su yu ha-i.*

2. *The angel said to them, “Do not fear,
you look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
only the grave cloths are lying there.”*

*Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sins forgiving, Alleluia.
Jesus is living: Alleluia.*

3. *“Go spread the news, he’s not in the grave.
He has arisen us all to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won.”*

*Refrain: Tum-wi-mbi-e so-te kwa fu-ra-ha.
Ye-su a-me-to-ka ka-bu-ri-ni.
Ka-shi-nda ki-fo, Ha-le-lu-ya,
Ha-le-lu-ya, Ye-su yu ha-i.*

Remembrance of Baptism and 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

Hymn

A toi la gloire

*1. A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!
A toi la victoire, pour l'éternité!
Brillant de lumière, l'ange est descendu,
il roule la pierre du tombeau vaincu.
A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité !
A toi la victoire pour l'éternité!*

*2. See, here is Jesus! Who else could it be?
He, your Lord and Savior, surely it is he!
Happy Church of Jesus, you who doubt no more,
Never cease to tell us Christ is conqueror!
Yours be the glory, yours, O risen friend!
You have won forever victory without end!*

*3. He lives forever! Bids me fear no more;
he is Prince of Peace, the one whom I adore.
With him to support me, victory shall be won:
Now, my life, my glory, every fear is gone!
Yours be the glory, yours, O risen friend!
You have won forever victory without end!*

Prayer

Benediction