

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

24 DECEMBER 2023

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a home away-from-home,
with people from different places becoming sisters and brothers in Christ.
Our members come from 40 countries and six continents. Some are in Geneva for
decades, others for only a few months. All help the parish to be a community of
shared beliefs, experiences and concerns. Opportunities for fellowship, spiritual
growth and recreation bring families, friends and acquaintances together. Such
bonds are precious in a city of so many welcomes and farewells.*

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

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or 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 sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Readers: Kiki Lawal

Altar care: Marian Frerichs

Ushers: Joan Kiologwe, Gilbert Mushi

Offering counter: Tom Taylor

Flowers: German Congregation

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group D

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Fourth Sunday of Advent + 24 December 2023

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Japan, North Korea, South Korea*

Hymns

Les anges dans nos compagnes

French carol. English H. F. Hemy

French carol

1. Les an - ges dans nos cam - pa - gnes Ont en - ton - né l'hy-mne des cieux,
2. Ber - gers, pour qui cet - te fê - te? Quel est l'ob - jet de tous ces chants?
3. Cher - chons tous l'heu - reux vil - la - ge Qui l'a vu naî - tre sous ses toits

Et l'é - cho de nos mon - ta - gnes Re - dit ce chant mé - lo - di - eux
Quel vain - queur, quel - le con - quê - te Mé - ri - te ces cris tri - om - phants
Of - frons - lui le tendre hom - ma - ge Et de nos cœurs et de nos voix:

- 1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*
- 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?*
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.*

Glo - ria
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo
- ria in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Il est né

English: Andrew Donaldson

French carol

Il est né le di - vin En - fant, jou - ez haut-bois ré - son - nez mu -
He is born! Now the child has come! Fill all the air with our mer - ry
set tes! Il est né le di - vin En - fant, chan - tons tous son a -
ca - ro - ling! Play the pipe, beat the joy - ful drum! Hope is born, for the
ve - ne - ment! 1. De - puis plus de qua - tre mille ans, nous le
2. Qu'il est beau, comme il est char - mant, que ses
child has come. 3. Une é - table est son lo - ge - ment, et la
4. O Jé - sus! O roi tout - puis - sant, tout pe -

pro - met - taient les pro - phè - tes. De - puis plus de qua -
 grâ - ces sont donc par - fai - tes! Qu'il est beau, comme il
 pail - le fait sa cou - chet - te, une é - table est son
 tit en - fant que vous ê - tes, Ô Jé - sus! Ô roi
 tre mille ans, nous at - ten - dions cet heu - reux temps!
 est char - mant, qu'il est doux, qu'il par - aît ai - mant!
 lo - ge - ment, pour un Dieu, quel a - bais - se - ment.
 tout - puis - sant, ré - gnez sur nous en - tiè - re - ment.

1. Faithful sages through ages long,
 prophets sang of the Savior's coming;
 faithful sages through ages long,
 prophets sang of the promised dawn.

3. Christ embraced our human form,
 made a stable a holy dwelling;
 Christ embraced our human form,
 dwell in us, well-beloved Son!

2. See what light from his face has shone,
 grace and mercy of God revealing;
 see what light from his face has shone,
 from this child, from the promised one!

4. Jesus, Sovereign and Holy One,
 we adore you, before you kneeling;
 Jesus, Sovereign and Holy One,
 dwell in us, make our hearts your throne!

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Joy to the world

1. *Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
 let earth receive its King;
 let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

2. *Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:
 let us our songs employ, while fields and floods,
 rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

3. *No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 nor thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
 far as, far as the curse is found.*

4. *He rules the world with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
 and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Then we process to the Bourg-de-Four. Please stay on the sidewalk.

Hymn

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

First verse sung as a solo

English paraphrase, Sabine Baring-Gould

Basque Carol



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came with
2. 'For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be, all
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head; 'To
4. Of her Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born in



wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame; 'All
gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee; thy
me be as it plea - seth God,' she said. 'My
Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn, and



hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y, most
son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told most
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name.' Most
Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: 'Most



high - ly fa - vored la - dy!' Glo - ri - a!
high - ly fa - vored la - dy.'
high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
high - ly fa - vored la - dy.'

Then we process just to the steps of the Palais de Justice.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The Gospel according to Luke chapter 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Hymn **The angel Gabriel from heaven came** **verse 2**

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

Hymn **The angel Gabriel from heaven came** **verse 3**

Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn **The angel Gabriel from heaven came** **verse 4**

Then we go into the church singing:

Magnificat

Jacques Berthier: France

Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a Do-mi-num.

Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a.

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Sermon

Rev. Andy Willis

Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney based on Luke 1:46-58

Star of the County Down: Irish



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spi - rit sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast. God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn. There are ta - bles spread, ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blessed. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Prayers of Intercession

Hymn during the Prayers **Ososo, ososo**

Geonyong Lee: Korea

1. O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyŏng - hwa ũi - im - gŭm
1. Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bo - dy.
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sa - vior.
4. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile all na - tions.

2. O-so-sŏ o-so-sŏ, sa-rang ũi-im-gŭm,
u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-sŏ.

3. O-so-sŏ o-so-sŏ, cha-yu ũi-im-gŭm,
u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-sŏ.

4. O-so-sŏ o-so-sŏ, tong-il ũi-im-gŭm,
u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-sŏ.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts *Maria durch ein Dornwald ging*
Germany, 19th century

1. *Maria walks amid the thorn, Kyrie eleison. Maria walks amid the thorn, which seven years no leaf has borne. Jesus and Maria.*

2. *What 'neath her heart doth Mary bear? Kyrie eleison. A little child doth Mary bear, beneath her heart he nestles there. Jesus and Maria.*

3. *And as the two are passing near, Kyrie eleison. Lo! roses on the thorns appear, Lo! roses on the thorns appear. Jesus and Maria.*

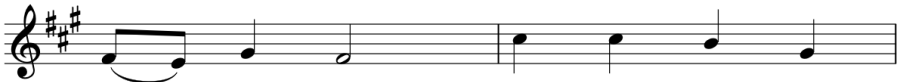
Offertory **For the bread which you have broken**

Louris F. Benson

I-to Loh, Taiwan



For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which
By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of
With our saint - ed ones in glo - ry seat - ed at the



you have poured, for the words which
peace re - stored, by your call to
heav - enly board, may the church that's



you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
heaven a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.

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

O Lamb of God

Mabel Wu: Hong Kong

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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Communion

Because this is the table of Jesus Christ, all people are welcome and invited to his feast. From the tray, take a light-colored cup if you wish to receive grape juice or a dark-colored one if you wish to receive wine. After being served, place your cup on the tray for used cups.

Songs during Communion

Advent Litany

Bernadette Farrell: United Kingdom

F Leader G Em⁷ All Am

Leader 1. Word of jus - tice, Al - le - lu - ia,
come to dwell here. Ma - ra - na - tha!

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2. Word of mercy, *Alleluia*, live among us. *Maranatha*.
3. Word of power, *Alleluia*, live within us. *Maranatha*.
4. Word of freedom, *Alleluia*, save your people. *Maranatha*.
5. Word of healing, *Alleluia*, heal our sorrow. *Maranatha*.
6. Word of comfort, *Alleluia*, bring us hope now. *Maranatha*.
7. Word of gladness, *Alleluia*, fill our hearts now. *Maranatha*.
8. Word of wisdom, *Alleluia*, come renew us. *Maranatha*.

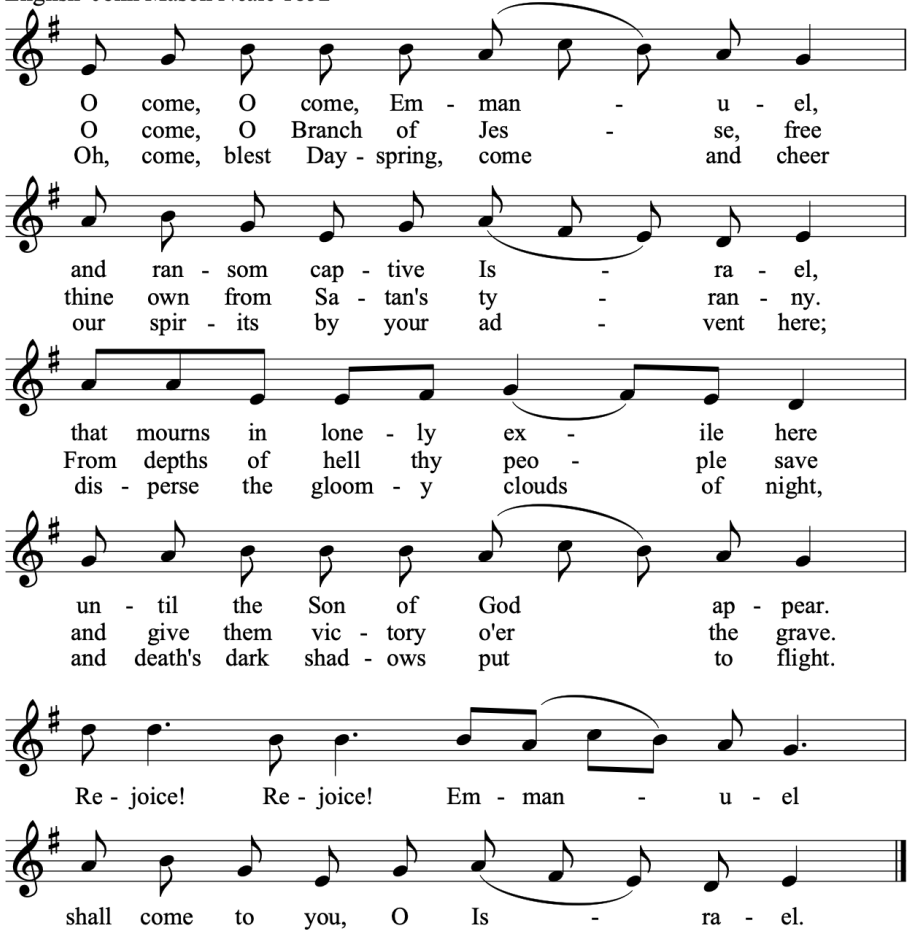
O Come, O come Emmanuel

Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum 1710

based on 15th-century French processional

Based on antiphons from Advent Vespers

English John Mason Neale 1852



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free
Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer
and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
thine own from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny.
our spir - its by your ad - vent here;
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
From depths of hell thy peo - ple save
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Announcements and Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Worship Services

Sunday, 24 December
Christmas Eve candlelight service
17h30

Monday, 25 December
Christmas Day worship, 11h00 with communion

All are welcome



Serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday 6 January

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen Saturday, 6 January 2024. It takes place from 9h00 until about 13h00 at Le Jardin de Montbrillant (Rue de Montbrillant 3) just behind Geneva Cornavin train station. All are welcome to come and help serve. The sign up sheet is available after church announcements. Contact Elisabeth Benn (chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch) for more information.

An Update on Our 2023 Finances

A big thanks to all who have made financial contributions so far this year toward our congregation's ministry! As of 30 November, our total giving amounts to approximately Chf 258,000. This is, unfortunately, about Chf 34,000 behind where we had budgeted to be. With one month left in the year, we are roughly Chf 60,000 away from meeting our budget.

If you've been giving this year already, please consider whether you might be in a position to give something extra. If you haven't given yet this year, or are not currently making regular financial contributions, please consider a gift at this time. We recognize that we each have different situations and financial resources available; we simply ask that you give as you are able this season. Thank you for your generosity and for playing an important part in our community.

Details are on our website [genevalutheran.church/giving] and on the back of this bulletin.

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This Week's Schedule:

Sun, 24 Dec	17h30	Worship on Christmas Eve
Mon, 25 Dec	11h00	Worship on Christmas Day
Sun, 31 Dec	11h00	Worship on New Year's Eve
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

Our church is entirely self-supporting. Our ministry is entirely funded by the contributions of members and friends of the congregation. There are three ways you can donate today:

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Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

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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Comments	_____
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