

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

14 JANUARY 2024

# 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.*

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*We are glad you are here—welcome!*

**Thank you** to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

*Preacher:* Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

*Presider:* Rev. Dr. Simone Sinn

*Reader:* Kiki Lawal

*Prayer leader:* Sarah Stephens

*Altar care:* Penuel Kiondo Zanetti

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**Second Sunday after Epiphany + 14 January 2024, 11h00**

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**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

***Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar,***

***Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen***

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Called by name,

***claimed for love by love,***

deeply known,

***profoundly understood,***

drawn to the wonder that we are intricately woven,

***drawn in the dust as the image of God,***

we are given voices to sing praise to Jesus Christ

***and ears to hear his command, 'Follow me.'***

By his grace, our feet rise in time with what we are meant to be,

***and, at the same time, we are set truly free.***

Hymn

Speak, Lord, in the stillness

Emily Crawford

Joseph Barnby: England

1. Speak, Lord, in the still - ness speak your word to me;  
 2. Speak, O gra - cious Mas - ter, in this qui - et hour;  
 3. For the words you give me they are life in - deed;  
 4. Speak, your ser - vant lis - tens, be not si - lent, Lord;  
 5. Fill me with the know - ledge of your glo - rious will;

hushed my heart to lis - ten in ex - pec - tan - cy.  
 let me see your face, Lord, feel your touch of power.  
 liv - ing bread from heav - en, now my spir - it feed.  
 let me know your pres - ence; let your voice be heard.  
 all your own good plea - sure in my life ful - fill.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We confess, God of grace,  
*we often feel not good enough,*  
*not strong enough,*  
*not beautiful enough,*  
*not wise enough,*  
*not equipped enough,*  
*not courageous enough,*  
*not rooted enough,*  
*to love you with our whole being,*  
*or to love our neighbors as ourselves.*  
*Search us, God of life, to find the light within*  
*that shows us your presence,*  
*compelling us toward the paths that make us whole,*  
*following our savior Jesus Christ.*

# Kyrie eleison

Syriac

as taught by Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim: Syria



Mo-ran e - th-ra ha ma' lain. Mo-ran e - th-ra ha ma' lain.



Mo - ran e - th-ra ha ma' lain. Mo-ran e - th-ra ha ma' lain.



Mo - ran e - th-ra ha ma' lain. Mo-ran e - th-ra ha ma' lain.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Ay farzandane nur

Farsi

Nejat Productions

1. Ay far - zan - da - ne nur, ger - de ham bi - ya - eid Ba  
 1. Oh chil - dren of the light, lift up your voice in praise, with

sha - di o so - rood, oo raa be sa - ra - eid Aan  
 glad - ness and with songs, comeing his high - est praise. In the

dar ho - zo - re vey, das - tha ba - ra - fra - zid Mon -  
 pre - sence of the Lord lift up your hands to praise the

gee ye a - lam ra - sho - kroo se - pas go - eid. Mon  
 Sav - ior of the world. Give high - est thanks and praise. To the

gee ye a - lam ra - sho - kroo se - pas go - eid.  
 Sav - ior of the world give high - est thanks and praise.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Old Testament Reading

I Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie

down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Sung Response **I, the Lord of sea and sky** **refrain**

*While we sing, the children gather at the front.*

Daniel Schutte: USA

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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from Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
 you discern my thoughts from far away.  
 You search out my path and my lying down,  
 and are acquainted with all my ways.  
 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
 O Lord, you know it completely.  
 You hem me in, behind and before,  
 and lay your hand upon me.  
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
 it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
 For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
 Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
 My frame was not hidden from you,  
 when I was being made in secret,  
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
 In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,  
 when none of them as yet existed.  
 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
 How vast is the sum of them!  
 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
 I come to the end—I am still with you.

Hallelujah

Palestine

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.



The Gospel according to John, chapter 1.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Alleluia

Sermon

Sivin Kit

Hymn

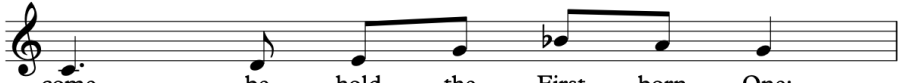
Come Beloved of the Maker

Susan Palo Cherwien

David Cherwien: USA



1. Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er,  
 2. See the Mor - ning - star now beck - on  
 3. Fol - low to the birth of new - ness;  
 4. There we too will burn and bright - en,  
 5. Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er,



come, be - hold the First - born One;  
 to those bound to doubt and night;  
 fol - low to the life of peace;  
 God's re - splen - dent work be - gun;  
 God, whose glo - ry none may pass,



see re-vealed cre - a - tion's splen - dor crown - ed in glo - ry like the sun.  
 "Fol - low me," Christ calls in wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."  
 fol - low to the hill of an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.  
 glo - ry will as - cend and height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.  
 Spir - it, sun of love and splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

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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.*

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

Gathering of Gifts

*For the healing of the nations*

*Choir*

*Words, Fred Kaan. Music, Henry Purcell*

- 1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.*
- 2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.*
- 3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.*
- 4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.*

Offertory

We give you thanks

Greek Orthodox

*Bass G*

We give you thanks, Christ, our God,

*Bass D*

for your earth - ly gifts!

*Bass E* *Bass D*

Do not de - prive us of your hea - ven - ly king - dom,

but as you came a - mong your dis - ci - ples, O Sav - ior,

*Bass G*

giv - ing them your peace, come al - so a - mong us and save us.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Preface

For the swirl and immensity of creation,  
*thank you.*

For human bodies, intricately woven in the depths of the earth,  
*thank you.*

For your word becoming law, becoming warning, becoming  
deliverance, becoming peace,  
*thank you.*

For your presence from before our beginning through to all ends,  
*thank you.*

For the gift of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our truth and life,  
*thank you.*

With your people of every time and place, with the chorus of angels  
and saints, we join the hymn of praise to your name.

## Sanctus

## Quduson

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine

Qu - du - son qu - du - son qu - du - so - ni - Ra - bul - qa  
Most Ho - ly, Most Ho - ly, Most Ho - ly Lord God of

wi - yu I - la - hu - sa - ba - 'ot a - sa -  
power and might, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth. All of

ma - 'u - wal - 'ar - du mam lu - 'a - 'ta - ni min maj - di - ka Hu -  
hea - ven and all of the earth are full of your ma - jes - ty. Ho -

sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu - sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a -  
sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high

li, Mu - ba - ra - kon al - 'a - ti mu -  
est. Most bless - ed is the one who comes, the

ba - ra kon - al - 'a - ti bis - mi - Rab. Hu - sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu -  
one who comes to us in our Lord's name. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho -

sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu - sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li.  
sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembrance

Christ Jesus invites us to this table at which this bread becomes his body, and this wine his blood.

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

Ya hamalaLah

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine



Ya ha - ma - la - Lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal - 'a - lam Ir-  
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have



ham - na. Ya ha - ma - la - Lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal-  
mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the



'a - lam im - nah - na - sa - lam, im -  
sins of the world, grant us your peace, grant



nah - na - sa - lam, im - nah - na - sa - lam.  
us your peace, 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 **Chon rizad**

Roozbeh Najarnejad: Farsi

Chon ri-zad ba - ra - né roo - hé to bar ka - vi - ré 'al-  
As the rain of your Spir - it pours out ov - er my de - sert

bam bi - ya - ba - nha boo - stan mi - gar - dan  
heart, gar - dens spring from the wil - der - ness and

ba lam - sé roo - hat hat sha - fa - hi  
flowers bloom with your touch. touch. A sur - prise,

ta - zeh bak - shad jo - nam ra sier gar - da - nad. so - roo - di  
heal - ing comes near. I'm re - newed, ful - ly a - live. A new song

ta - zeh na - had bar lab - hoy - yé tar - sa - nam  
flows from my lips, and its sound count - ers my fear.

a - za - dim ba lam - sé ou pi - roo - zim dar na - mé ou  
With his touch, I be - come free. My suc - cess found in his name,

bi - ya - banan boo - stan sha - vad boo - stan - ha jan - gle sha - vad  
all the dry plac - es made green, and the green burst - ing with flowers.

English paraphrase by Terry MacArthur based on a translation by Neda Gehl.



## I, the Lord of sea and sky

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.*

*All who dwell in deepest sin my hands will save.*

*I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.*

*Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain

Daniel Schutte: USA

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,*

*I have wept for love of them; they turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.*

*I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,*

*I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.*

*I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

## Thuma Mina

*Leader*                      *People*                      South Africa



Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na.  
Send me Lord. Send me Je - sus. Send me Je - sus.

*Leader: Thuma mina*



Thu - ma mi - na So - man - dla. Thu - ma  
Send me Je - sus. Send me Lord. Send me

Other possible verses: Lead me Fill me Use me, etc.

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Sending Forth

Benediction

Announcements and Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wednesday 17 January

The Rassemblement des Églises et Communautés Chrétiennes de Genève will gather at the chapel of the Ecumenical Centre, route des Morillons 1, Grand Saconnex, for a worship service at 19h00. Our music director, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg, will be leading the music, with the help of the choirs of the Lutheran Church. The choirs will begin practice for the service at the Ecumenical Centre at 18h00. You can participate in this, even if you are not a regular member of the choir. The service will be mostly in French, but the singing will include English.

## **Worship Committee**

Lent is only a month away this year. The worship committee will meet on Thursday 18 January at noon. Some of us will meet at church, but some will participate remotely. This is not a closed group and new input adds greatly to the creativity. If you would like to be involved contact Andy Willis at [pastor@genevalutheran.ch](mailto:pastor@genevalutheran.ch). We can send you the lectionary readings and initial ideas we might be working with. You can be part of shaping how our community worships during Lent this year.

## **Serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday 3 February**

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 3 February 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 sign up and help prepare and serve a warm meal. Contact the church office or Elisabeth Benn ([chriselis\\_benn@bluewin.ch](mailto:chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch)) for more information.

## **Choir Rehearsals – Thursday Evenings**

The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to anyone—we meet on Thursday evenings from 19h30 until 21h00 to learn the music for the upcoming Sunday worship service and work on additional pieces as well. Come and sing!

## **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

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

21 January – Group C

28 January – Group D

4 February – Group E

11 February – Group A

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

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## This Week's Schedule:

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| <b>Wed, 17 Jan 19h00</b>  | Week of Prayer for Christian unity, Chapel Ecumenical Centre |
| <b>Thurs, 18 Jan 19h30</b>  | Choir rehearsal  |
| <b>Sun, 21 Jan 9h30</b>   | Confirmation class   |
| <b>10h00</b>  | Church school  |
| <b>11h00</b>  | Worship  |
| <i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i> |  |

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