

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

21 JANUARY 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a 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.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Adam Talsma

Prayer leader: Dinesh Suna

Altar care: Aleida Auld

Assistant ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Naomi Mungure, Alyssa Ndwiga,
Sarah Stephens

Ushers: Mee Ji, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler

Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Ngoni Hove

Flowers: Kieran O'Dowd

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group C

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Third Sunday after Epiphany + 21 January 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Cyprus, Greece, Turkey*

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

A voice calls out,

and we dare not refuse to turn.

A hand beckons,

and normal work gets left behind.

When the Kingdom of God comes near,

the good news reshapes our lives.

We gather to hear this word,

to leave behind what needs leaving behind,

to sense once more the still, small voice of calm.

Hymn

Dear God, embracing humankind

John Greenleaf Whittier alt.

Frederick Maker: USA

1. Dear God, em - brac - ing hu - man - kind, for -
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O
 4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
 share with thee the si - lence of e -
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Call to Prayer

Circle of Silence

Kyrie

Mt. Athos Melody: Greece

Basses sing D throughout

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Grace

Gloria

Doxology

Basses on C throughout

Greece

Andante

Tho - xa Si to thi - xan - ti to fos. Tho - xa en ip - sis - tis The - o.
Glo - ry to God, who gives us light. Glo - ry in the high - est to God.

Kai e - pi - gi - s i - ri - ni en an - thro - pis ev - tho - ki - a
And on the earth may peace reign a - mong peo - ple of good will.

A - gi - os o The - os. A - gi - os Is - ki - ros.

repeat 3 times

A - gi - os A - tha - na - tos e - le - i - son i - mas.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God;

God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;

in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all according to their work.

Alleluia

Gregorian chant



Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

You walk along our shoreline

Sylvia Dunstan

Irish melody



1. You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
2. You call us Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your pro - mised reign;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through
We spread your net of gos - pel a -
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's



storm and wave and shoal, then
cross the wa - ter's face, our
daugh - ters and God's sons, to



I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

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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

He comes to us

Choir

*Words, Albert Schweitzer and Philip Nicolai, English Catherine Winkworth.
Music, Jane Marshall*

*He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, without a name,
as of old, by the lakeside He came, He came to those men who knew Him not.
He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow thou me!"
and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.
He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings
which they shall pass through in His fellowship
and, as an ineffable mystery they shall learn, shall learn,
shall learn in their own experience Who He is.*

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light,
O Sovereign meek and lowly.
Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
my Lord and Master, thou has won my heart to serve thee solely!
Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all-victorious, rich in blessing,
rule and might o'er all possessing.*

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

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

Bass D

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

Sursum corda

Pastor

The Lord be with you. ***And al - so with you.*** Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


Pastor

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus


Ambrosian chant: Italy



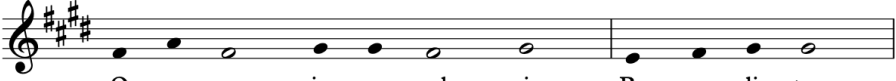
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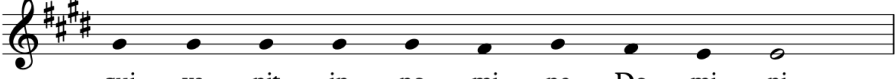
Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
Al - might - y God of power and strength,




Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.
Hea - ven and earth speak your glo - ry, your glo - ry fills them.



O - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Be - ne - dic - tus
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one



qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
who comes in the name of the Lord, our God.



O - san - na in ex - cel - sis.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembrance

At this table, Jesus Christ calls us to become his body and blood, remembering his claim upon our lives.

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

Christ, Agneau de Dieu

Guy Bovet: Switzerland

Christ, A - gneau de Dieu, qui ô - tes le pé - ché du mon - de,
Christ, O Lamb of God, the sins of the world you take a - way.

prends pi - tié de nous.
Have mer - cy on us.

Christ, A - gneau de Dieu, qui ô - tes le pé - ché du mon - de,
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Christ, A - gneau de Dieu, qui ô - tes le pé - ché du mon - de,
Christ, O Lamb of God, the sins of the world you take a - way.

don ne - nous la paix.
Give to us 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 **Eat this bread**

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Music J. Berthier © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, 71250 Taizé-Communauté, France.

Jesus calls us

Cecil Alexander

William Jude: England

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2. As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5. Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his clear voice
 Gali - i - le an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, Chris - tian, fol - low me.
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Christ - ian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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

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) for more information.

Worship Committee – Thursday 25 January

Lent is only a month away! The worship committee will meet on Thursday 25 January at noon to continue planning and preparation for this season. 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. 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.

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!

Attestations for 2023 Giving

The church office is preparing giving statements for all who have made gifts on record in the past year. If you would also like an attestation of your 2023 giving for tax purposes, please contact Riza in the church office. If you have requested an attestation in the past, you will receive one automatically.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

28 January – Group D

4 February – Group E

11 February – Group A

18 February – Group B

*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:

Thurs, 25 Jan	12h00	Worship committee
	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sun, 28 Jan	9h30	Confirmation class
	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship
	13h15	Congregation Council meeting

Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30

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