

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

28 JANUARY 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

We are a congregation where music, liturgy, and prayer reflect the richness of the global church.

We gather each week for worship that is both firmly rooted in the ancient forms and traditions of Christian liturgy and attuned to contemporary concerns. We encounter the good news of Jesus in scripture, in song, in the sacraments, and in the gathered community. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle shapes our weekly worship, leading us to pray for and sing songs from different parts of the world.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

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Prayer leader: Fulata Moyo

Altar care: Mee Ji

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Fulata Moyo

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany + 28 January 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

In this assembly of the upright and the wayward,
we give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart.

In this congregation of the fearful and the righteous,
we worship a graceful God, full of compassion,
and become responsible not just for ourselves,
but for the weakest among us.

In the reading of ancient words,
we are pointed toward truth and equity,
the fearsome wisdom that begins new understanding
and brings to hungry hearts the bread of life.

Hymn

Hope of the world

Georgia Harkness: USA

V. Earle Copes: USA



1. Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2. Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3. Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4. Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
 5. Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death vic - tor - ious,



 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,
 from death and sad de - spair, from sin and guilt,
 who by this sign did con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let your spir - it un - to us be giv - en,
 walk now be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
 take back our lives, and use them as you will.
 You are our Lord! You will for - ev - er reign.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Evil spirits do not let us alone, God of life,
 but keep hounding us
 with their cries of damnation and vengeance and hurt,
 false warnings and secret schemes.

*How do we build each other up in love
 when confronted with so much confusing sound?*

Forgive us, whenever our building becomes loveless
 and our projects puffed up,

rather than poured out from the goodness you inspire.
*Silence the disarray, so the convulsions of our world might cease.
 Speak to us clearly in Jesus Christ, reclaiming in us his authority,
 giving us not just a right mind, but a mind righted toward love,
 able to build up others while giving ourselves away,
 honoring the name of Jesus Christ.*

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

from the Woodard Mass
Music by Richard Shephard: Great Britain

Choir

*Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Hallelujah!

***I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright,
in the congregation.***

Great are your works O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds
and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food for those who fear you;
remembering forever your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works,
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all your precepts are sure.

They stand steadfast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice this have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Gregorian chant



Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

Silence! Frenzied unclean spirit

Thomas H. Troeger

Carol Doran



1. Si - lence! Fren - zied un - clean spir - it, cried God's heal - ing,
 2. Christ, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the grey cells
 3. Si - lence, Christ, the un - clean spir - it, in our mind and



Ho - ly One. Cease your rant - ing flesh can't bear it.
 of the mind: Ty - rant voic - es, shrill and driv - ing,
 in our heart. Speak your word that when we hear it



Flee as night be - fore the sun. At Christ's voice the
 twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind, doubts that stir the
 all our de - mons shall de - part. Clear our thought and



de - mon trem - bled, from its vic - tim mad - ly rushed,
 heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing rea - son's sight,
 calm our feel - ing, still the frac - tured, war - ring soul.



while the crowd that was as - sem - bled
 guilt that makes our lov - ing fran - tic,
 By the pow - er of your heal - ing



stood in won - der, stunned and hushed.
 dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
 make us faith - ful true and whole.

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

Aus vielen Körnern

Bernard Schibli

Carl Rütli: Germany



1. Aus vie - len Kör - nern gibt es Brot. Aus vie - len
 1. From man - y grains is made the bread. From man - y
 2. You bring in - to our world your peace. You are the
 3. And at your ta - ble we stand round, for you in -



Trau - ben gibt es Wein. Aus vie - len Men - schen wird Ge -
 grapes is made the wine. From man - y per - sons comes com -
 way; you are the light. In you we share a new com -
 vite us to your feast. You gath - er with us in com -



mein - schaft und kei - ner bleibt al - lein. Aus vie - len
 mu - ni - ty, and no one's left be - hind. From man - y
 mu - ni - ty where no one is a - lone. In you we
 mu - ni - ty where each one finds a home. You gath - er



Men - schen wird Ge - mein - schaft und kei - ner bleibt al - lein.
 per - sons comes com mun - i - ty, and no one's left be - hind.
 share a new com - mu - ni - ty where no one is a - lone.
 with us in com - mu - ni - ty where each one finds a home.

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2. Du bringst den Frieden in die Welt.
 Du bist der Weg, du bist das Licht.
 Darin erleben wir Gemeinschaft
 und keiner ist allein.

3. Wir alle stehn am Tisch des Herrn.
 Er lädt uns ein zu seinem Mahl.
 Mit ihm zusammen in Gemeinschaft
 bleibt keiner mehr allein.

Offertory

Doxology

Thomas Ken: England

Louis Bourgeois, adapted: Geneva



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;



praise God, all creatures here be low;




praise God above, you heavenly host:



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.


Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor *People* Sursum corda




The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Pastor *People*




Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus

Ambrosian chant: Italy

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus,
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembrance

Jesus Christ welcomes all who would come to his table.
By his word, this bread becomes for us his body.
This wine becomes 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

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,
 Christ, O Lamb of God, the sins of the world you take a - way.



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don - ne - nous *la* *paix.*
Give to us *peace.*

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Communion

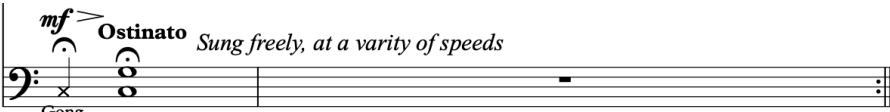
Because this is the table of Jesus Christ, all people are welcome and invited to his feast. From the tray, take a light-colored cup if you wish to receive grape juice or a dark-colored one if you wish to receive wine. After being served, place your cup on the tray for used cups.

Songs during Communion

Silence, my soul

The congregation keeps quietly singing “Silence my soul,” everyone at their own pace, to create an underlying drone over which the choir will sing the words below. One can sing “Silence my soul” while waiting for communion, while standing around the table, while returning to one’s seat. Let the phrase become words of centering and expectation. At the same time the sound supports the community as it gathers around the table of Christ.

mf > **Ostinato** *Sung freely, at a variety of speeds*

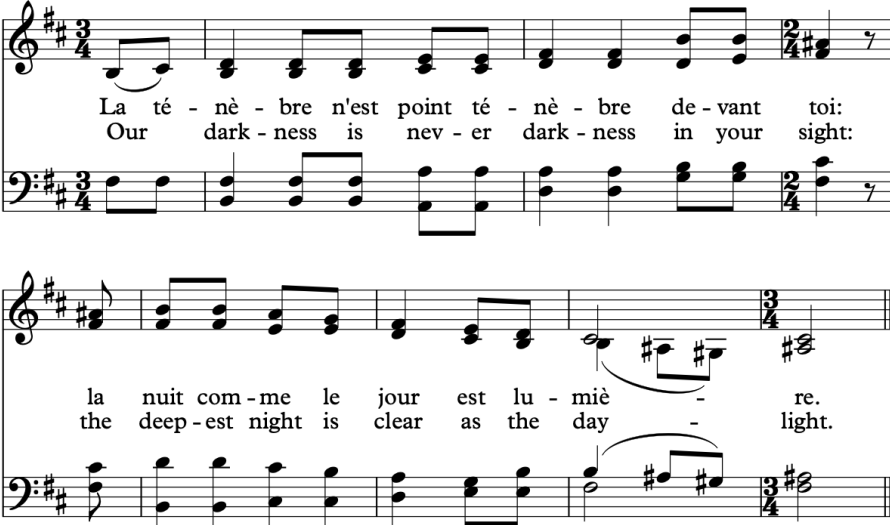


Gong
Silence my soul.

*Silence, my soul, these trees are prayers.
I asked the tree, tell me about God.
Then, it blossomed.*

Le tenebre

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France



La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi:
Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight:

la nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re.
the deep - est night is clear as the day - light.

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Mon âme se repose en paix

Psalm 62:2

Jacques Bertier: Taizé: France

Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix
soul can find its rest, find its rest, and peace.

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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

Next Sunday, 4 February – Worship at 17h30, with Prayers for Healing

On the first Sunday of each month, our congregation holds its worship service at 17h30 instead of 11h00. So please remember that next Sunday, 4 February, worship will take place in the evening. Please note there will be no church school this Sunday.

This service will include the option to come forward and receive prayers for healing, either for you or for a loved one. If you have questions ahead of time, feel free to contact Andy Willis.

Young Adults Group – Next Meeting on 2 February

If you are between the ages of 18 to 30 years old (or slightly older), you're invited to join the young adults group! We will be meeting up at least once a month to share a time of fellowship together. Our next gathering will be on Friday February 2, at 19h in the Gemeinderaum. This will be a time for us to openly share and discuss our current faith-related joys and struggles. So, whether you're looking for a space to share your journey with your faith with others or simply curious to see what it's about, you're welcome to join! If you're interested in joining this time or joining future young adult activities, you may contact Olivia Anderson at 076 449 3137, so you may be added to the young adults' group chat and be updated in real time on the young adults' group gatherings and outings.

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.

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:

4 February – Group E

11 February – Group A

18 February – Group B

25 February – Group C

*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, 1 Feb	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Fri, 2 Feb	19h00	Young adults group
Sat, 3 Feb	9h00	Serving at the soup kitchen
Sun, 4 Feb	17h30	Worship

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

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 Comments _____
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