

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

11 FEBRUARY 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a community on the move,
discovering Christ together on the journey of faith.*

We see Christianity as a path to be walked together—learning, serving, praying, sharing, and growing alongside sisters and brothers. As we live and practice our faith, we not only encounter a new community; we also find the presence of God.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Readers: Adela Bevan

Prayer leader: Sarah Stephens

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Last Sunday after Epiphany + 11 February 2024, 11h00

Transfiguration Sunday

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland*

Welcome

Prelude

Prelude on Deo Gracias
Music by John Dunstable

Terry MacArthur

Greeting

How good, Lord, to be here,
rejoicing together in your glory.

How good, Lord, to be here,
where you create out of strangers, friends.

How good, Lord, to be here
to hear your word, mending what is broken.

How good, Lord to be here
to sing the wonders of your love.

Hymn

How good, Lord, to be here

Joseph A. Robinson

Mercer, Church Psalter, 1854

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold,
 3. Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
 4. Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied, and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright, and make this hill our home.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Teach us to listen to your word, God of light,
so we find in it the words of life.

When the consuming calculations of profit and loss
cancel out the promises of your abundant love,
turn us, so we rediscover the richness of your grace.

Sung Response

Kyrie eleison

Communauté de Grandchamp: Switzerland

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

When we become enamoured with the glory of this world
and miss the illuminating brilliance

that each act of kindness displays,
splash us awake,
so we are startled into a vivid awareness of your presence.

Sung Response

Kyrie eleison

When our own wants and needs are so loud or insistent
that we lose track of your voice,
re-train us, so we learn the path of servanthood,
the way of the cross.

Sung Response

Kyrie eleison

Have mercy on us, God,
so we might see your glory,
might be your glory,
through Jesus Christ, your Beloved. Amen.

Words of Grace

Gloria

Antiphon

sung once

Jacques Berthier: France

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

Antiphon

sung once

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.

Antiphon

with 4-part canon

Jacques Berthier: France

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to

Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

The children are invited to come forward

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

Antiphon

Lumière de Dieu

Sisters of Grandchamp: Switzerland

Lu - miè - re de Dieu, in - on - de la ter - re, vi -
 si - te nos cœurs et de - meure a - vec nous.

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Come light, light of God, give light to creation, Komm, göttliches Licht, erleuchte die Erde, enlighten our hearts and remain with your world. er füll unsre Herzen, nimm Wohnung in uns.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.
 God calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that God may judge God's people:
 'Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
 The heavens declare God's righteousness,
for God indeed is judge.

Antiphon

Lumière de Dieu

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Gregorian chant



Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 9.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

O wondrous sight, O vision fair

Latin "Sarum Breviary" English, John Mason Neale altered Deo Gracias: England



1. O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2. From age to age the tale de - clare, how with the
 3. The law and pro - phets there have place, two cho - sen
 4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great



that the church shall share, which Christ up - on the
 three dis - ci - ples there, where Mo - ses and E -
 wit - ness - es of grace; the voice of God from
 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, for which in joy - ful



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun, Christ glows.
 li - jah meet, they with the Christ God's fu - ture greet.
 out the cloud pro - claims the Hu - man One a - loud.
 theirs be - yond who live with - in God's lov - ing bond.
 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

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

You are the light of the world.

Gathering of Gifts

Psalm 47

Choir

*French: Theodore de Bèze, Geneva / English: Joy Patterson
Louis Bourgeois, Geneva, 1551 / Arranged by Philibert Jambe de Fer, 1564*

- 1. People, clap your hands! Shout to God with joy!
King of all the earth is the Lord Most High;
all humanity stands in awe of God,
with a mighty hand God brings nations low,
and beneath our feet casts down every foe;
our inheritance comes from God the Lord.*
- 2. God ascends the throne with a joyful cry,
and with trumpet sound has gone up on high;
sing your praise to God, sing with joyful voice!
Rulers, peoples, now join to serve the Lord,
for earth's mighty ones all belong to God,
who exalted reigns; now with psalms rejoice!*

Offertory

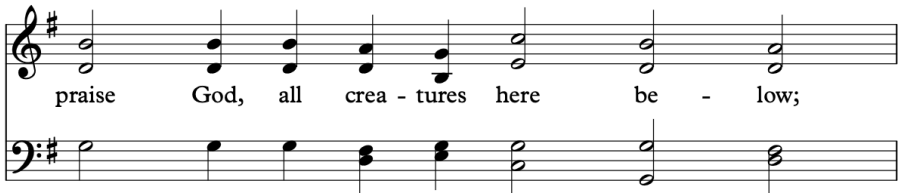
Doxology

Thomas Ken: England

Louis Bourgeois, adapted: Geneva



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;



praise God, all creatures here be low;



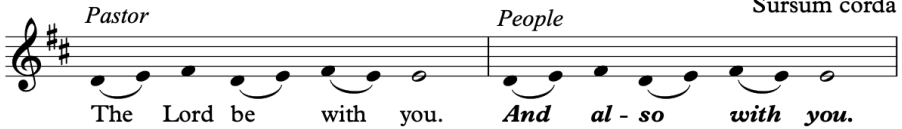
praise God above, you heavenly host:



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sursum corda




Pastor The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**




Pastor Lift up your hearts. *People* **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

This is the table of glory.
A piece of bread proclaims the body of Christ.
The pouring of wine sings the blood of Christ.
In eating and drinking together, we remember we belong to Christ.
We proclaim the mystery of our faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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.***



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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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

Aus vielen Körnern gibt es Brot

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.

Lumière de Dieu

Communauté de Grandchamp: Switzerland



Lu - miè - re de Dieu, in - on - de la ter - re, vi -
 Come light, light of God, give light to cre - a - tion, en -

si - te nos cœurs et de - meure a - vec nous.
light - en our hearts and re - main with your world.

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Shine, Jesus shine

Graham Kendrick: UK

Shine Je - sus shine, fill this land with the Mak - er's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow,
flood the na - tions with love and mer - cy; send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light! 1. Lord, the light of your
2. As we gaze on you
love is shin - ing, in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
re - gal bright - ness, so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,
Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.
Shine on me, shine on me:

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Sending Forth

Hymn

How good, Lord, to be here

verse 5

Joseph A. Robinson

Mercer, Church Psalter, 1854

5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second system corresponds to the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Benediction

Announcements and Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Worship – This Wednesday at 19h30

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday—a day Christians have observed for centuries with prayer, fasting, and the imposition of ashes.

Whether you are familiar with this tradition or not, you're encouraged to join our community for worship this Ash Wednesday, 14 February at 19h30. All are welcome.

Looking Ahead to Lent – Prayer and the Psalms

Lent is a season calling the church to fasting, reflection, and prayer, and one of the great resources for prayer in our tradition is the book of Psalms. These ancient poems and songs offer us profound language for speaking to God, inviting us to bring the whole of our lives and experience into God's presence. We'll be paying particular attention to the psalms in worship this Lent, as well as the path of prayer we are called to walk.

Lent Study on the Psalms – Sign Up Now

In addition to worship, we'll be exploring the psalms in weekly small group meetings during Lent. These groups will be reading and discussing portions of Ellen Davis's book *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*. Groups will meet at a variety of times during the week, primarily on Zoom. Interested in participating? Mark the signup sheet available after worship today or signup online using the link provided in the weekly church email. Contact Andy Willis with any questions.

Women's Circle Invitation

Ladies! You're invited to come to our Church Women's Circle! We will gather in our church, which is our village, on one Saturday each month for coffee and croissants and to share in fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome in the Circle. We plan to meet on the following dates: **16 March, 13 April, 18 May from 10h00 to 12h00**. Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; maritbmoore@hotmail.com) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; cwilbers@gmail.com) for more information.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

18 February – Group B

25 February – Group C

3 March – Group D

10 March – Group E

This Week's Schedule:

Wed, 14 Feb 19h30	Worship on Ash Wednesday
Thurs, 15 Feb 19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sun, 18 Feb 10h00	Church school
11h00	Worship on the First Sunday in Lent
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>	

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