

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

17 MARCH 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are followers of Jesus, seeking God's justice, peace, and grace
in personal and common witness.*

Our hope each Sunday is to go out of God's house with good courage into our diverse jobs and obligations—with family, civil society, government, business and education. We pray for the peace and well-being of all peoples. The Gospel calls us wherever we are to use our time and talents for others and for the common good.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Adela Bevan

Prayer leader: Ivars Kupcis

Altar care: Mee Ji

Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Faith Fookes, Maureen Gumbe,
Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

Ushers: Maryssa Mapanao-Camaddo, Johnny Camaddo

Offering counters: Samuel Mungure, Tom Taylor

Church School: May Chin Long, Vivienne Talsma, Nanah Naing'olah,
Thomas Wilson

Flowers: Njeri Njoroge, Nyambura Njoroge, Njoroge Njuguna

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group A

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Fifth Sunday in Lent + 17 March 2024, 11h00

A Season of Psalms and Staffs

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania*

Welcome

Preparation for worship

Greeting

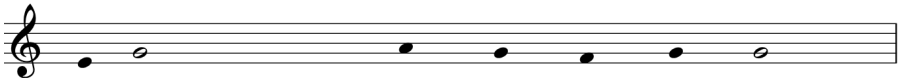
Psalm 51:15, 10; 63:3-4



O Lord, o-pen my lips, *and my mouth shall pro-claim your praise.*



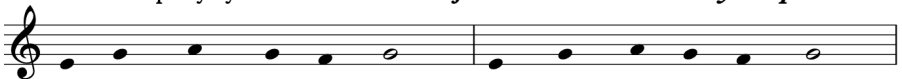
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and put a new and right spir - it with - in me.



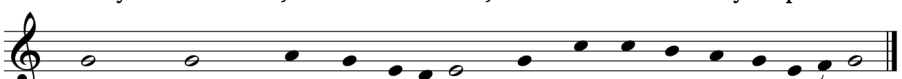
I lift up my eyes to the hills - *from where will my help come?*



My help comes from the Lord, *who made heav-en and earth.*



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Gathering Psalm

Mily gyönyörűség

Zoltán Sumonyi, adapted from Psalm 133

Dániel Gryllus, Hungary



La la la la etc.



1. Mily gyö - nyö - rű - ség, í - me lásd,
 1. How good it is, oh do you see,
 2. Like pre - cious oil poured on the head,



a - mi - kor az a - tya - fi - ak e - gyütt
 when God's peo - ple meet to - geth - er as if
 run - ning down on Aa - ron's beard and fur - ther



mu - zsi - kál - nak Ott van az ál - dás, hi - szed - é,
 they were one, there is the bless - ing, do be - lieve:
 down his long robe, like when the dew of Her - mon falls



csak o - da küld a mi U - runk pen - gő ci - te - rá - kat.
 God com - pos - es life and mu - sic so his king - dom comes.
 on the Mount of Zi - on and is seen by all the peo - ple.

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2. Lámpaolaj, mely lefolyik a hajadon, le a köntös prémes pereméig.

Hogyha Sionnak tetején megül a Hermon harmatja, s csillog Ninivéig.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Psalm 121

Antiphon

Tõstan silmad üles

From Psalm 121

Katrin Luhamets: Estonia

C G/C F/C C C/D C/E
 Tõs - tan sil - mad ü - les ja vaa - tan kõr - gus - te
 To the heights a - bove me, I lift my eyes to the

G(sus4) G G/F C/E F Em/G F C/G G Am/C G G/B
 poo - le. Kust küll a - bi ma kind - lalt oo - da - ta saan?
 moun - tains. Where can I be sure of help, help I can trust?

C G/C F/C C C/D C/E G(sus4) G G/F
 Is - sand on su kait - ja, kes loo - nud on tae - va ja maa.
 God is your pro - tec - tor, cre - a - tor of heav - en and earth.

C/E F Em/F F C/G G Am/C G
 Kõi - gest kur - jast hoi - ab, et su hing jääks e - la - ma.
 God will keep you from all wrong the Lord will keep your life.

*With the children, the congregation asks this question as directed:
From where will my help come?*

Antiphon

Tõstan silmad üles

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know

the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

By gracious powers

This tune was a favorite of Heli Batija

Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Erkki Melartin 1923: Finland

Finnish, Anna-Maija Raittila. English Fred Pratt Green. Français J. F. Frie



1. Hy - vyy - den voi - man ih - meel - li - seen suo - jaan
1. By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
2. And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming



o - lem - me kaik - ki hil - jaa kät - ke - tyt.
and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,
with bit - ter suf - fering, hard to un - der - stand,



Me saam - me luot - taa us - kol - li - seen Luo - jaan,
we know that God is with us night and morn - ing
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling



yh - des - sä käy - dä uu - teen ai - kaan nyt.
and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.

Finnish, Anna-Maija Raittila © 1981, 1984. Virsikirjaan 1986. English Fred Pratt Green © 1974 Hope Publishing Company.

2. Suo, Herra, toivon kynttilöiden loistaa, tyyneksi, lämpimäksi liekki luo.
Valaiset pimeän, voit pelot poistaa. Jää keskellemme, Kristus, rauha tuo!

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Golgātas krusta

Edgars Rumba, 1904-1943

Jānis Kaijaks: Latvia

1. Gol - gā - tas krus - ta ē - nā sir - dij, kas
 2. Gol - gā - tas krus - ta ē - nā ie - naid - nieks
 1. Gol go - tha's sha - dow, spring of peace for the
 2. Gol - go - tha's sha - dow, where the en - emy is

sā - pēs tvīkst, at - ve - ras mie - ra a - vots, at - vars, kur
 ne - driekst nākt; vi - ņam nav spē - ka, dros - mes ka - ru pret
 fire - y heart, source of cool wa - ter drown - ing sin in its
 not let in, sin has no cour - age for the bat - tle a -

grē - ki slikt. Dār - ga - jās a - sins lā - sēs
 krus - tu sākt. Salds, kas reiz bij' un tī - kams,
 rush - ing flow, pre - cious the drops of red that
 gainst the cross. What once en - ticed and charmed no

brī - niš - ķīgs mā - jo spēks, bal - tāks par
 ne - spēj vairs vi - li - nāt; Gol - gā - tas
 prom - ise a re - fresh - ing start, there, sin that's
 long - er has power with - in. Gol - ga - tha's

snie - gu vi - nās klūst a - sins - sār - tais grēks.
 krus - ta ē - nā grēks tev vairs ne - tiek klāt.
 blood red is made pure like the sun - lit snow.
 sha - ow, the as - sur - ance that sin has lost.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

The Gospel according to John, chapter 12.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Those near the sacristy and office doors:
**God will not let your foot be moved;
God, who keeps you will not slumber.**

Those in the center:
**The One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Those on the choir side
**The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

All:
**The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.**

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

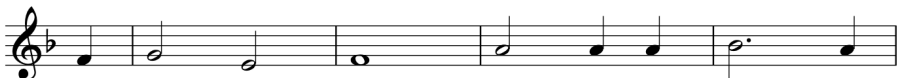
Unto the hills

John Campbell

Charles Henry Purday: England



1. Un - to the hills we lift our long - ing eyes,
2. God will not let our ser - vant feet be moved;
3. God is our keep - er, change - less through the years,
4. From ev - ery e - vil, God will keep our lives,



with yearn - ing sighs, who will pro - vide the
safe we will be. God will sup - ply, for
a shel - ter strong. God is our shade, pro -
from ev - ery sin, God will pre - serve and

hope we sore - ly need? Who hears our cries?
 all our nights and days, se - cu - ri - ty.
 tect - ing ev - ery hand, through a - ges long.
 guard our go - ing out, our com - ing in.

From our Cre - a - tor comes our cer - tain aid.
 God does not sleep when we are tak - ing rest.
 Sun will not strike or harm through - out the day,
 Ev - er a - round, with - in, we will a - dore

Our help is from our God, who all things made.
 God's cov - e - nant en - dures through ev - ery test.
 nor moon by night, those liv - ing by God's way.
 our God who holds and guides for - ev - er - more.

Words of Encouragement and Affirmation

Prayers of Intercession

Be mindful of your mercy, Lord,
and lead us in your truth.

Peace

Gathering of Gifts

Lift thine eyes

Choir

from Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn: Germany

Words adapted by William Bartholomew from Psalm 121:1

*Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
 Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
 He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.*

Offertory

We who once were dead

Muus Jacobse. English, composite

Rik Veelenturf: The Netherlands



1. We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing
2. We were lost in night, but you sought and found us.
3. He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us.
4. Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing;



Je - sus as our head.
 Give us strength to fight;
 On him we are fed,
 we shall then re - main



Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
 death is all a - round us. Je - sus be our light.
 eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
 liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

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Great 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

Psalm 100:5; 19:1; 77:11, 13, 19, 20; 107:1-2; 2:7

The heavens are telling your glory,
 and the firmament proclaims your handiwork.

*We give thanks to you, O Lord,
 for your steadfast love endures forever.*

We will call to mind your deeds

We will remember your wonders of old.

Your way, O God, is holy.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,

You led your people like a flock

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.
*We give thanks to you, O Lord,
for your steadfast love endures forever.*

The redeemed you have gathered in
from the east and from the west,
from the north and the south.

*We give thanks to you, O Lord,
for your steadfast love endures forever.*

We give thanks for the one to whom you said,
“You are my son; today I have begotten you.”
So with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name.

Sanctus

Repeat several times Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

San - ctus, san - ctus Do - mi - nus

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*Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Hosanna in the Highest

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Ho-

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembrance

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
With this bread, the body of Christ,
the Lord comes near to the broken-hearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
With this wine, the blood of Christ,
deep calls to deep; the song of the Lord is with us.
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.***

Agnus Dei

Dona nobis pacem

Jacques Berthier : Communauté de Taizé

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Dona nobis pacem'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Do - na no - bis pa - cem.' are written below the treble staff. The music is simple and homophonic, with a steady rhythm.

Give us peace.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

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

Oi Jumalan karitsa

Matti Rantatalo: Finland

Gm Dm⁷ Eb B^b/D Eb B^b/D Cm⁷ Dm Eb

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the world you are

F/A F⁷ B^b F/A Gm⁷ F

syn - nin, ar - mah - da mei - tä, ar - mah - da mei - tä.
bear - ing. Grant us your mer - cy, grant us your mer - cy.

Gm Dm⁷ Eb B^b/D Eb B^b/D Cm⁷ Dm Eb F/A

Oi Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa il - man syn - nin,
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the world you are bear - ing.

F/B^b B^b B^b/D Cm F⁷ B^b

an - na meil - le rau - ha - si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
Peace, we ask you, peace and jus - tice. Grant us your own true peace.

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Debestevs, ak, neatraidī

Līga Baltābola: Latvia

Harmony: Ilze Reine

1. De - bes - tēvs, ak, ne - at - rai - di, kad pie
 1. Heaven - ly Fa - ther don't re - ject me when in
 2. For my Fa - ther's house I'm long - ing where new
 3. All my mind and all my pow - er I com -

Jē - zus nā - ku es, Vi - ņa kā - jas ap - kaupt
 Je - sus I seek grace. With my heart and soul I'm
 strength and hope I'll find. By the cross I'm re - di -
 mit to serv - ing you. To es - cape from sin, en -

Lau - ji, lūgt no sirds un dvē - se - les.
 pray - ing I'll be found in his em - brace.
 rect - ed leav - ing sin and fear be - hind.
 slav - ing, I af - firm my faith a - new.

Sa - graužts sa - vus grē - kus sū - dzu, sa - vas
 Bur - dened long - vus by sins and sor - rows, all my
 In the death of Christ, my Sav - ior I can
 A fresh spir - it ov - er - flow - ing, and a

Vai - nas ne - slēp - ju, rau - dot žē - las - tī - bas
 faults no use to hide. Hear my plead - ing for your
 see the life that's free. Dry my tears with - in his
 heart made clean and whole, guide me, feed me, God of

Lū - dzu, ne - at - rai - di grēc - nie - kul'
 mer - cy, not re - ject - ed, left out - side.
 wel - come. I am where I'm meant to be.
 mer - cy so I walk your path, your goal.

Lead me, Lord

Psalms 5:8, 4:8

Samuel Sebastian Wesley: England

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - teous - ness;

Fine
 make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

D.C. al Fine
 thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

As the deer

Paraphrased from Psalm 42

Martin Nystrom: USA

D A/C# Bm G Em A(sus4) A7 D A(sus4) A7



As the deer pants for the wa - ter so my soul longs af - ter you;

D A/C# Bm G Em7 A7 D



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D G G/F# Em F#



You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To you a-lone may my spir - it yield.

D A/C# Bm G Em7 A7 D



You a - lone are my hearts de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

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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

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Holy Week is the central week of the church year, following the events of the last week of Jesus's life from his entry into Jerusalem to his betrayal, death, and resurrection. It's time to put this year's Holy Week worship services on your calendar and think of ways you might be able to help out!

Worship services will take place at the following times:

- Palm Sunday, 24 March: Worship at 11h00
- Maundy Thursday, 28 March: Worship at 19h30
- Good Friday, 29 March: Worship at 19h30
- Easter Eve, 30 March: Worship at 20h30
- Easter Day, 31 March: Worship at 11h00

These services require lots of support: we're looking for readers, prayer leaders, ushers, and communion servers, as well as people to help with setup and cleanup. Please use the signup sheets available after worship to indicate ways you might be able to assist.

The choir will sing throughout the week's services—this could be a great time to join the choir, even if it's just for a season.

Additionally, if you play an instrument and would like to help support musical leadership in worship, contact Katharina: katharina@genevalutheran.ch. We are particularly interested in musicians helping on Easter Eve, supporting the congregation singing as we proclaim the good news of the resurrection. We will sing several psalms in this service, and a variety of instruments would be welcome.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

24 March – Group B

31 March – Group C

7 April – Group D

14 April – Group E

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

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: **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.

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This Week's Schedule:

Thurs, 21 Mar	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sun, 24 Mar	9h30	Confirmation class
	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship on Palm Sunday

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

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:

By bank transfer: Using the banking app on your phone, scan one of the QR codes below:



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By U.S. dollar check: Make the check payable to “Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” and on the memo portion, write “GMG 0858”.

Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

If you are a guest in our congregation today, 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 be in touch and answer any questions you might have about our congregation.

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