EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

PALM SUNDAY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00 24 MARCH 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.

Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or if you have been here before and would like to know more about our community, please fill out a connection card. You can scan this QR code to submit one online, or you can fill out the card on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering basket or give it to one of the ushers.



We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Ewan Kit Prayer leader: Sivin Kit

Altar care: Mee Ji

Assisting ministers: Aleida Auld, Clare Duran, Alyssa Ndwiga,

Nyambura Njoroge

Ushers: Margaret Kehoe-Winkler

Offering counters: Fulata Moyo, Njoroge Njuguna

Church School: Pia Hannewald, Ewan Kit, Grete Willis, Gladys Yegon

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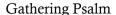
Music Director: Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Palm Sunday + 24 March 2024, 11h00 A Season of Psalms and Staffs Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia*

Greeting

Psalm 51:15, 10; 118:19-20





Mily gyönyörűség



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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.

Psalm 118:1-4

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good;

In normal voice: God's mercy endures forever!

Let Israel now declare,

Louder: God's mercy endures forever!

Let the house of Aaron declare,

Louder: God's mercy endures forever!

Let those who fear the Lord declare

Louder: God's mercy endures forever!

Gospel Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 11. Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them. "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it: and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

Spoken while waving palm branches:

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Psalm 118:19-29

Open for me the gates of righteousness, I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

I give thanks to you for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna, *hosanna in the highest*.

This is the day that the LORD has acted; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hosanna, *hosanna in the highest*.

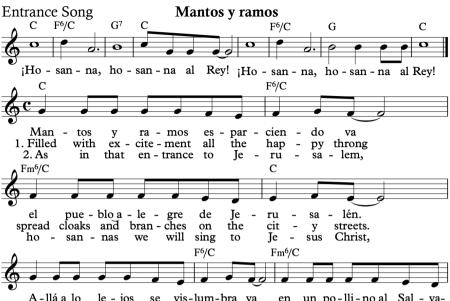
Hosanna. O Lord save us. We pray to you LORD, prosper our days! Hosanna, *hosanna in the highest*.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. Hosanna, *hosanna in the highest*.

The LORD is God, and has given us light. Form a procession with branches, up to the corners of the altar. Hosanna, *hosanna in the highest*.

You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will extol you. Hosanna, *hosanna in the highest*.

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, God's mercy endures forever! Hosanna, *hosanna in the highest*.



vis-lum-bra ya A-llá a lo le - jos en un po-lli-no al Sal - vase There in the dis-tance they be - gin to see, there on a don-key, comes the to our Re-deem-er who still calls to-day, asks us to fol-low with our



Je - sús. Mien - tras mil vo - ces re-sue - nan por do - quier; ho Sav - ior, Christ. From ev - ery cor - ner a thou - sand voic - es love and faith.



san-na al que vie-ne en el nom-bre del Se-ñor. Con un a-lien-to praise to the One who comes in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks



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- 2. Como en la entrada de Jerusalén todos cantamos a Jesús el Rey,
- al Cristo vivo que nos llama hoy para seguirle con amor y fe.



Prayer of the Day

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue

every tongue

should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation Aby nás Pán Buh miloval Czech folk song A - by nás Pán Bůh mi - lo - val, mi - lo - val, hří chy od - pu - stil Great is God's love for us, such a - bun - dant love. Sins are for - giv - en, ne - be dal, ne - be dal, nic ne - žá dá - me je - nom No-thing else need - ed, heav - en, the gift a - bove. love is what's a - by nás Pán Bůh mi - lo - val, mi - lo sa - mé, Great is God's love heed - ed. for us, such a - bun - dant

Gospel Mark 14:3-9

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 14. *Glory to you, O Lord*.

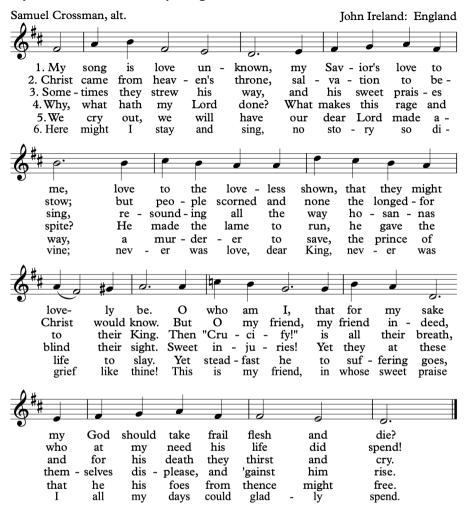
While [Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

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

Sermon Andy Willis



My song is love unknown



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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

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

Peace

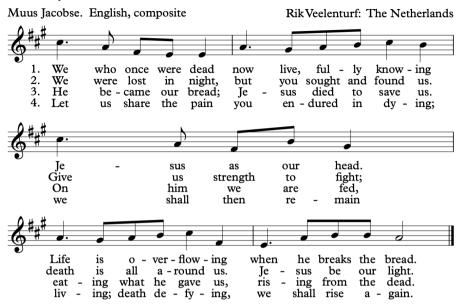
The peace of the Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Gathering of Gifts Obłoki ludzkich rąk podnoszą się Choir Music by Norbert Blacha / Text by Mirosława Hanusiewicz (Poland, 1980) English by Terry MacArthur

- Hands like a rising cloud, hands poised in prayer, offered as holy gifts, spacious as air.
 Lord, keep their fingers open, uncurled, never a clenched fist over the world.
 Lord, hear our prayer for peace. Peace is our cry.
- 2. Lord, hear our prayer for peace. Peace is our cry, not swallowed in our throats but raised on high. Sure that no clenched fist, cramped in its power, rises above earth, claiming its hour. Lord, hear our prayer for peace. Peace is our cry.

Offertory

We who once were dead



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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



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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



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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: Communaute de Taizé



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.

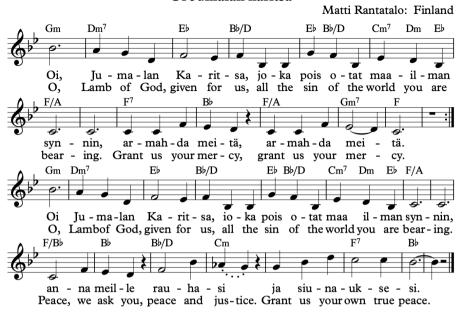
Songs during Communion

With astonishment, fear and wonder



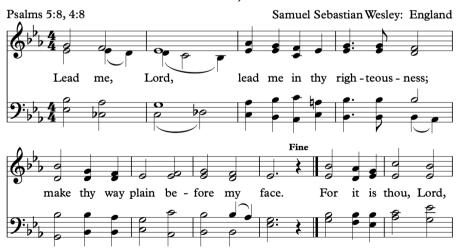
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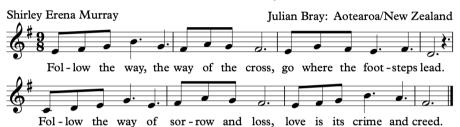
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Lead me, Lord





Follow the way



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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 Weekly Coffee Hour

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

31 March – Group C 14 April – Group E 7 April – Group D

21 April – Group A

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

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Holy Week is the central part of the church year—we will worship together several times during the week.

Thursday 28 March: Maundy Thursday, 19h30

We commemorate Jesus' last night with his disciples with a service of Communion and footwashing.

Friday 29 March: Good Friday, 19h30 We tell the story of Jesus' trial and death.

Saturday 30 March: Easter Vigil, 20h30

We gather for the Great Vigil of Easter—telling biblical stories of deliverance and celebrating the light of the resurrection. The service concludes with a feast in the sanctuary—so bring something to share (either sweet or savory).

Sunday 31 March: Easter Sunday, 11h00

The celebration of Easter continues with a festive worship on Easter Sunday.

All services will take place at the church, and all will be livestreamed, for those unable to be present in person.

All are welcome!

Music Camp this Summer

From Sunday, 11 August to Friday, 16 August 2024; there will be a summer camp organized by our music director Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg at La Lécherette in Vaud. The camp is for children ages 7 to 13, and previous musical knowledge is not required. The whole team together with the children will create a musical with a Circus theme, and the performance of the musical will be held on Sunday, 18 August at 16h00 at the ELCG. The cost for the week is CHF 400 per child (all-inclusive) with a discount for multiple children from the same family. Contact Katharina (katharina@genevalutheran.ch) to sign up or for more information.

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This Week's Schedule:

Thurs, 28 Mar	19h30	Worship on Maundy Thursday		
Fri, 29 Mar	19h30	Worship on Good Friday		
Sat, 30 Mar	20h30	Worship on Easter Eve		
Sun, 31 Mar	11h00	Worship on Easter Day		
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30				

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