EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

GOOD FRIDAY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 19H30 29 MARCH 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

We are a home away-from-home, with people from different places becoming sisters and brothers in Christ.

Our members come from 40 countries and six continents. Some are in Geneva for decades, others for only a few months. All help the parish to be a community of shared beliefs, experiences and concerns. Opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth and recreation bring families, friends and acquaintances together. Such bonds are precious in a city of so many welcomes and farewells.

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 evening:

Readers: Filipa de Chassey, Marc de Chassey, Faith Fookes,

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Good Friday + 29 March 2024, 19h30 A Season of Psalms and Staffs Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia*

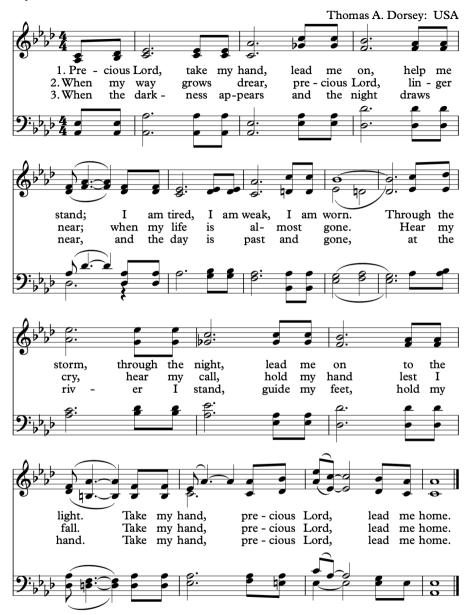
This Lent has been a season of psalms and staffs in our congregation. The psalms help us pray; staffs help us walk, and tonight they will also give us a rhythm. We will walk hearing the story of the cross to the sound of staffs on the floor. Sometimes parts of the passion of St. Mark will be read; sometimes psalms of lament will pose their questions or cry out for help; sometimes we will be quiet.

You are invited to adopt the slow step following the person in front of you. Some will be given staffs and help keep time. Be gentle when you hit the floor so we don't damage it. After a time, you will be asked to pass it to someone else.

At the end we will go out the main door, then to the gemeinderaum, and then to the cave. If you have trouble with steps, remain in the gemeinderaum, where you can hear echoes of the singing below. If you need to rest for a moment, there are some seats around the sides of the room, both in the sanctuary and down in the cave.

The service is already on-going. You join it in progress.

Precious Lord



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- 1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone. Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.



Hans Leo Hassler, Harmony, J.S. Bach Latin attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux. English, James Alexander. sac - red head, sore wound - ed, with grief and shame weigheddown, 2. What you, dear Say - ior, suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain; now scorn - ful - ly sur-round - ed with thorns your mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion, but yours the on - ly crown; dead - ly pain. with guish, with sore a - buse how pale you an and scorn; are Lo, here fall, my Sav ior! for I de - serve your place;

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- 1. O sacred head, sore wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns your only crown; how pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does that visage languish which once was bright as morn.
- 2. What you, dear Savior suffered was all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! for I deserve your place; look on me with thy favor, and grant to me your grace.

Hymn

Ewe thina

South African traditional (Zulu). English Anders Nyberg and Sven-Bernard Fast South African traditional. Arrangement Anders Nyberg



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- 2. He breaks the bonds of hell, dying on the cross. We walk his way.
- 3. The tree of freedom blooms by his empty grave. We walk his way.

Ewe thina.

We walk his way.

- 1. Unarmed he faces forces of demons and death. Ewe thina
- 2. He breaks the bonds of hell, dying on the cross. Ewe thina



- 1. I want Jesus to walk with me; 2x all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; 2x when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; 2x when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Jesus, remember me Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Senzenina



Were you there

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

- 2. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
- 3. Where you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

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.

All are welcome

Please remember the time change this weekend. Clocks move forward one hour Saturday night.

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This Week's Schedule:

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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