

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30

3 MARCH 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

We are a church with open arms, where each person is welcome in God's all-inclusive love.

Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this example. People of any economic status, marital or family situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our congregation. We honor the unique gifts of each.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this evening:

Reader: Nina Kiderlin

Prayer leader: Terry MacArthur

Altar care: Seng Ra Marit

Assisting ministers: Faith Fookes, Ana Villanueva,
Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

Ushers: Ben, Natalya, Nico and Riza Le Geyt

Offering counters: Ngoni Hove, Njoroge Njuguna

Flowers: Kiki Lawal

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group D

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Third Sunday in Lent + 3 March 2024, 17h30

A Season of Psalms and Staffs

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Ireland

Welcome

Preparation for worship

Greeting

Psalm 51:15, 10; 19:14



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.

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens,
and runs about to the end of it again
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses God's name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Anglican Chant by J. R. Smart: England

Choir

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple;

the statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is clean, and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold;
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb

By them is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

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Choir

Who can detect one's own offenses?
 Clear me from my secret faults.
 Above all, keep back your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me.
 Then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.

With the congregation:

Psalm 19 from the Lutheran Book of Worship

J. R. Smart

Let the words of my mouth and the medi - ta - tion of my heart,
 be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my re - deemer.

The Gospel according to John, chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

God's glory fills the heavens with hymns

Carl P. Daw Jr.

Irish melody harmonized by C. V. Stanford



1. God's glo - ry fills the heavens with hymns, the domed sky
2. God's per - fect law re - vives the soul, its pre - cepts
3. Ac - cept my thoughts and words and deeds; let them find



bears the Ma - ker's mark; new prais - es sound from day to
make the sim - ple wise, its just com - mands re - joice the
fav - or in your sight: for you a - lone can make me

Third verse end



day and e - cho through the know - ing dark. With - out a
heart, its truth gives light un - to the eyes. For ev - er
whole, O Lord my re - fuge and my might.



word shall their songs roll on in - to all lands their
this law en - dure: un - blem - ished, right - eous,



voic - es run; and with a champ - ion's
true, com - plete; no gold was ev - er



strength and grace from far - thest heaven comes forth the sun.
found so fine, no hon - ey in the comb more sweet.

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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 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 Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

Organ Voluntary

Offertory

We who once were dead

Muus Jacobse. English, composite

Rik Veelenturf: The Netherlands



1. We who once were dead now live, ful - ly 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.

Great Prayer of 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.

Words of Institution

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 Agnus Dei '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 clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Do - na no - bis pa - cem.' are written below the treble clef staff, aligned with the notes.

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

Bread is blessed and broken

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

John L. Bell: Scotland

1. Bread is blessed and bro - ken, wine is blessed and
2. Share the food of heav - en earth can - not af -
3. Know your - self for - giv - en, find your - self re -
4. God has kept his pro - mise sealed by sign and

poured: take this and re - mem - ber Christ the Lord.
ford. Here is grace in es - sence - Christ the Lord.
stored, meet a friend for ev - er - Christ the Lord.
word: here, for those who want him - Christ the Lord.

blessed and poured
not af - ford
self re - stored
sign and word

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Lead me, Lord

Psalms 5:8, 4:8

Samuel Sebastian Wesley: England

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ - 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 pants for the water

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#(sus4)

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

The Season of 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.

As part of this emphasis, we are offering devotions with suggestions for praying with the psalms at home throughout the season. You'll find this week's devotions, prepared by Judy Davis, as an insert in today's bulletin.

Lent Study on the Psalms

In addition to worship, we are exploring the psalms in weekly small group meetings during Lent. These groups are reading and discussing portions of Ellen Davis's book *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*. Groups meet at a variety of times during the week, primarily on Zoom. Interested in participating? Contact Andy Willis.

Prayer Group – Meeting on Wednesday 6 March

Are you interested in joining with others in praying for the needs of our community and the world? Our congregation's prayer group is meeting on Wednesday, 6 March from 19h until 20h. All are welcome! If you're interested in participating, please contact Kiki Lawal: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

Writing Prayers for Easter - Sunday 10 March

Just after worship on Sunday 10 March, Terry MacArthur will guide anyone who is interested in writing prayers for our congregation to use in worship this Easter. Terry writes most of the prayers our congregation uses each week—this is a great opportunity to join in that creative work. All are welcome!

BELK Assembly at ELCG – Saturday 9 March

Our church is a member of the Federation of Lutheran Churches in Switzerland (BELK), and next Saturday, 9 March, the BELK will hold its annual assembly here. Delegates from churches throughout the country will spend the day in our building for a meeting, a worship service, and a common meal. A group of volunteers from the two congregations is helping to prepare food and provide hospitality during the day. Are you able to help? Contact Andy Willis or the church office.

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:

10 March – Group E

17 March – Group A

24 March – Group B

31 March – Group C

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

This Week's Schedule:

Wed, 6 Mar	19h00	Prayer group meeting (online)
Thurs, 7 Mar	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sat, 9 Mar	11h00	BELK assembly at ELCG
Sun, 10 Mar	9h30	Confirmation class
	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship
	12h30	Writing prayers for Easter
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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