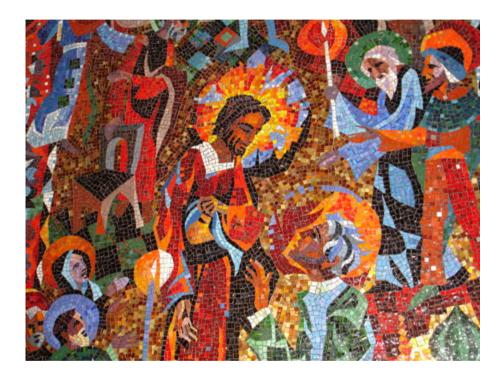
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30 7 April 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. 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: Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dirk Lange Reader: Bismark Sitorus Prayer leader: Fulata Moyo Altar care: Clare Duran Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Andreia Costa Vieira, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi Ushers: Anotidashe Mtata, Naomi Mungure Offering counters: Njoroge Njuguna, Tom Taylor Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group D Videographers: Breanna Ndwiga, Ray Woodcock

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> Guest musician: Rev. Terry MacArthur Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Dirk Lange

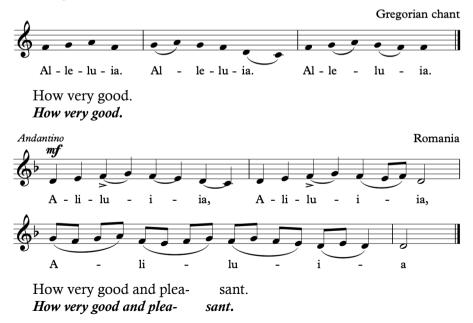
Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

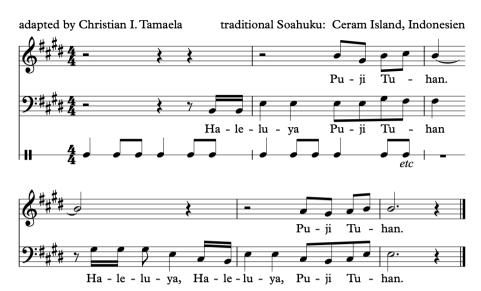
Preparation for worship

Welcome

Greeting

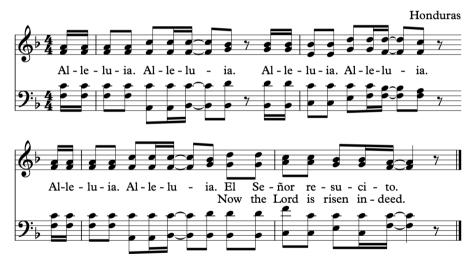
Alleluia variations on Psalm 133:1





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How very good and pleasant it <u>is</u> *How very good and pleasant it* <u>is</u>



How very good and pleasant it is when kindred *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred*



How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together*



How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

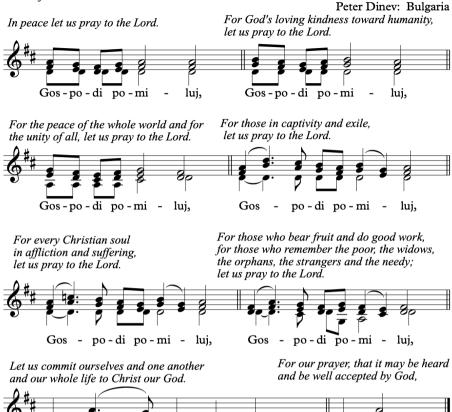
Psalm 133 Zoltán Sumonyi, adapted from Psalm 133

Dániel Gryllus, Hungary



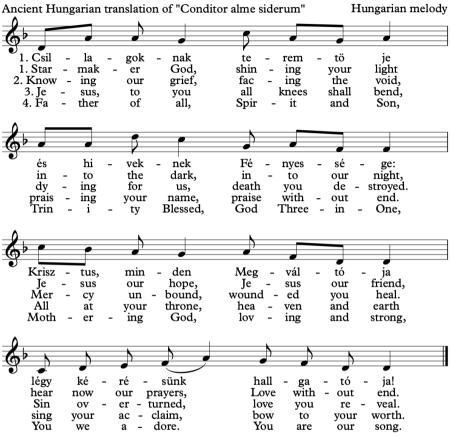
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 Lámpaolaj, mely lefolyik a hajadon, le a köntös prémes pereméig.
Hogyha Sionnak tetején megül a Hermon harmatja, s csillog Ninivéig. Ez sem olyan jó s gyönyörű, mint mikor az atyafiak együtt muzsikálnak. Itt van az áldás, hiszed-é, csak ide küld a mi Urunk pengő citerákat.





Csillagoknak teremtö je



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2. Ki világon könyörülvén, 3. A te erös hatalmadnak örök halált eltérítvén meggvógvítád e világot, hozván neki orvosságot.

minden térdek meghajolnak. mennyeiek és földiek Urnak vallják fölségedet.

4. Hálát adjunk az Istennek, Atva, Fiú, Szentléleknek, három személy fölségének, egymivoltú Istenségnek.

Prayer of the Day

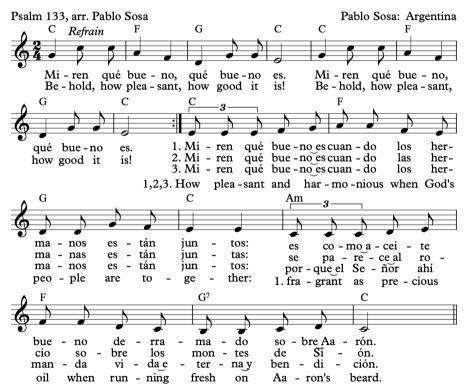
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Acclamation

Miren que bueno



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2. refreshing as the dew upon the mountain of the Lord.

3. there the Lord God bestows his blessing-life for evermore.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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



Alleluia

Gospel Reading

The Gospel according to John, chapter 20. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and vet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Alleluia

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Dirk Lange

Hymn These things did Thomas count as real

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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

God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Peace

Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!*

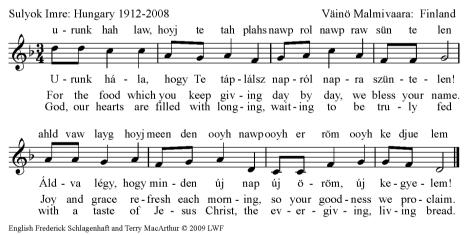
Gathering of Gifts Grondviselö Hungarian and Music by Lévay József: Hungary

> 1. Providential, loving Father, you're the reason I can be. In this feeble world, decaying, everything abandons me. You're my life, my aspiration. You alone are my salvation.

2. Unknown is the path before me. If some joy should cross my way, it springs from an infinite grace bidding me to bow and pray, gratefulness within me welling tears of joy your goodness telling.

3. Transitory, fleeting moments, life is fragile, quickly through. There remains a life abiding in my heavenly home with you. Nothing me from you can sever. I will dwell with you forever.

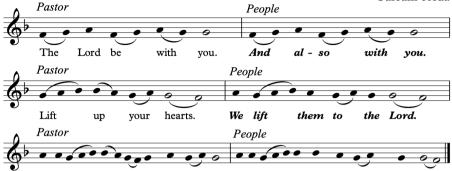
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Prayers for Communion

Sursum corda





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

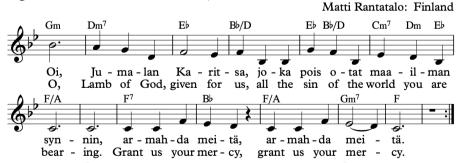
Lord's Prayer

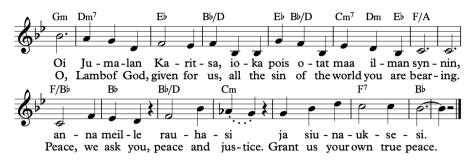
In our many languages

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







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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



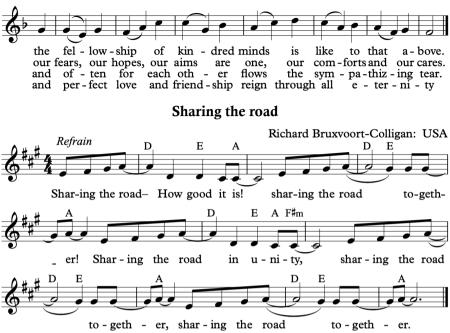
Let it breathe on me



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Blest be the tie that binds





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 Like fine oil running down the beard of Aaron, morning dew falling on a holy place, here God blesses, blesses life forevermore.
Brothers, sisters, what a holy thing to gather everyone!

2. Let's go up, going up to work and worship! Let's go up, side by side in harmony! Here God blesses, blesses life forevermore. Brothers, sisters, what a holy thing to gather everyone!

3. When we give welcome to a friend or stranger, when we show hospitality and love, here God blesses, blesses life forevermore. Brothers, sisters, what a holy thing to gather everyone!

Sending Forth Benediction Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Circle Invitation – Saturday 13 April

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; <u>maritbmoore@hotmail.com</u>) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; <u>cwilbers@gmail.com</u>) for more information.

Young Adults' Group – Saturday 13 April

If you are between the ages of 18 to 30 years old (or slightly older), you're invited to join the young adults group! Our next gathering will be on Saturday, at 19h in the Cave Voûtée. During our last gathering we had an open discussion about how our faith relates to our relationship with our parents. Since we all felt that a lot remained to be said on this topic, we will be continuing on with this theme. If you're interested in joining this time or joining future young adult activities, you may contact Olivia Anderson at 076 449 3137, so you may be added to the young adults' group chat and be updated in real time on the young adults' group gatherings and outings.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

14 April	l – Group	bЕ		21 April – Group A
28 April – Group B				5 May – Group C
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If you can help on a week when your group is assigned, please let your group's coordinator know.

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 (<u>katharina@genevalutheran.ch</u>) to sign up or for more information.

No Choir Rehearsal This Week

Please note there will be no choir rehearsals during the school break. Regular practices will resume on Thursday 18 April.

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This Week's Schedule:

Sat, 13 April	10h00	Women's circle	
	19h00	Young adults' group	
Sun, 14 April	9h30	Confirmation class	
	10h00	Church school	
	11h00	Worship on Third Sunday of Easter	

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

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Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

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