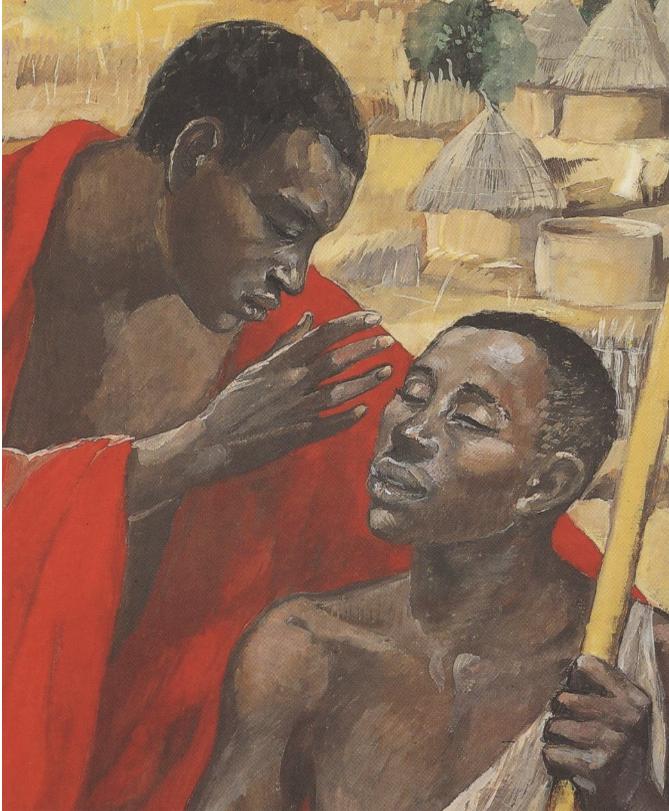


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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00
27 OCTOBER 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

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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
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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Jonathan Mtata

Prayer leader: Jonathan Frerichs

Altar care: Mee Ji

Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Margaret Kehoe,
Rumiko Jaussi, Damaris Hassink

Ushers: Dorine van Teeseling, Jet den Hollander

Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Ngoni Hove

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost + 27 October 2024, 11h00

Reformation Sunday

Guest Musician: Terry MacArthur

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Canada, The United States of America*

Welcome

Prelude

Voluntary on Erhalt uns, Herr

Terry MacArthur

Greeting

Grounded in an ancient yet vital word,

we are given a vision of true humanity, Jesus Christ.

We gather, for some moments, to set aside all other claims,

so our eyes are opened to love's possibilities.

In Christ, what has been exiled in us returns home,

a home in which we find healing.

In Christ, we are assembled from the north and the south,

from the east and the west,

rejoicing in being together.

In Christ, God has done great things for us,

so we follow Jesus on his way.

Hymn

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word

Martin Luther. English, Catherine Winkworth

L. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder* 1543



1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word;
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, your power make known,
 3. O Com - fort - er of price - less worth,



curb those who by de - ceit or sword
 for you are Lord of lords a - lone;
 send peace and u - ni - ty on earth;



would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

What is the truth and how will we know it, Creator God?
 Will our values be outsmarted by machines
 able to surpass the speed of our thinking?

*Re-form our eyes,
 so we see through the lens of your compassion, your promise.*

*Re-form our minds,
 so we seek goodness more than profit.*

*Re-form our hands,
 so we reach out to serve, rather than just fight to survive.*

*Release in us the image of the wounded, healing One, Jesus Christ,
 your Beloved, so we find new seeing in him.*

Sung Response

Oye, Señor

Betty Hernández and Maritza Dixon: Mexico/Panama

Dm

O - ye, Se - ñor, tu pue - blo te cla - ma. O - ye, Se -
Hear us, O Lord, your peo - ple cry to you. Hear us, O

Dm C A7 Dm

ñor, tu pue - blo te cla - ma. Dá - nos tu for - ta - le - za y a
Lord, your peo - ple cry to you. Give us your stead - fast cour - age to

A7 Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm

vi - va nues - tra fé. O - ye, Se - ñor! O - ye, Se - ñor!
live out our faith with strength. Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord.

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Words of Grace

Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but [Christ] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Hymn of Praise

Jézi de Nazarèt

Haitian worship chorus

G

Jé - zi de Na - za - rèt, Jé - zi de Na - za - rèt,
 Je - sus of Na - zar - eth, Je - sus of Na - zar - eth,
 Je - sús de Na - za - ret, Je - sús de Na - za - ret,

C G D G

Jé - zi de Na - za - rèt, Es - poua moin sé nan ou.
 Je - sus of Na - zar - eth, I find my hope in you.
 Je - sús de Na - za - ret, es - pe - ro só - lo en ti.

D G C

Ou kon'n sa moin be - zoin. Ou kon'n sa map ché - chè,
 You know just what I need. You know my sear - ching, too.
 Tú sa - bes me su - frir, co - no - ces mi do - lor

D G

Es - poua moin sé nan ou.
 I find my hope in you.
 es - pe - ro só - lo en ti.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Antiphon

based on Psalm 126

Andrew Donaldson

Refrain Our mouth was filled with laugh - ter, our tongue with shouts of joy.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we re - joice.

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This setting originally appeared in *The Book of Psalms* published by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1995.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord had done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Antiphon

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy carrying their sheaves.

Antiphon

Alleluia

Julian Pattison: Canada

Hal - le, - hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le, hal - le - lu,

hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Last time

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Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They came to Jericho. As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

Amazing Grace

John Newton: UK

19th cent. American



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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.

The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

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Bathe me in your light

John Oldham

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Ron Klusmeier: Canada

1. Bathe me in your light, O God of all, Cre - a - tor;
2. Bathe me in your love, O Source of awe and won - der;
3. Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spir - it's long - ing;

let it shine up-on my soul with heal-ing and with grace.
 help me walk the sa-cred path of har-mo-ny and peace.
 teach me of your gen-tle ways that fill the soul with strength.

Be to me a bea-con bright through sha-dows of life's wound-ing,
 May I be at-ten-tive to the mus-ings of your pre-sence,
 Guide me on the pil-grim-age that leads to truth and whole-ness.

show-ing me the way to live in faith, in your em-brace.
 drink-ing from the well of hope that brings the heart re-lease.
 Fill me with your prom-ise of a love that knows no length.

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Offertory

Bendice Señor nuestro pan

Argentina

Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en

 Lord, bless the bread you have given, and give bread to all who are

 ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en

 hun - gry, give hun - ger for jus - tice to those with

 pan. Ben - di - ce Se - ñor nues - tro pan.

 bread. Lord, bless the bread you have given.

English, Donald Wetherick

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor The Lord be with you. *People* **And** al - so with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. *People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Preface

Sanctus

Le lo le lo lay lo

William Loperena O.P.: Puerto Rico

Le lo le lo lay lo. Le lo le lo lay lo. Le lo le lo lay lo lo

Fine C C **1 Leader 2 People** G C

le lo le lo lai. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might.

C **1 Leader 2 People** G 1. C 2. C

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. glo - ry. Ho -

F Em Dm G⁷ C F

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

Em Dm G C **1 Leader 2 People**

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who

G 1. C 2. C F

comes in the name of the Lord. Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Em Dm G⁷ C F

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

Em Dm G C **D.C. al Fine**

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

At this table we rejoice, because Christ does great things for us.
 Our mouths are filled with laughter,
 as we remember we are his body.
 Our tongues taste joy as the cup is poured

and we remember we are his blood.
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

Jesus, Lamb of God

Andrew Donaldson: Canada

Leader All
Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
mer - cy

Leader All
Je - sus, bear - er of our sin, have mer - cy on us.
mer - cy

All Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
 Je - sus, re - deem - er,
 Je - sus re - deem - er,

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, grant us peace.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

Let us break bread together

African-American spiritual

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. Let us
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. Let us
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. Let us

break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my

face to the ris - ing sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Somos pueblo que camina

English Carolyn Jennings

Misa Popular Nicaragüense



1. So - mos pue - blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.

1. We are peo - ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.
2. God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum - ble and the poor.
3. This is bread that God pro - vides us, nour - ish - ing our u - ni - ty.
4. Christ is ev - er pres - ent with us to u - nite us all in love.
5. All who tru - ly thirst for jus - tice seek their lib - er - a - tion here.



a - cu - da - mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - nión.
Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

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Open my eyes that I may see

Clara H. Scott



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

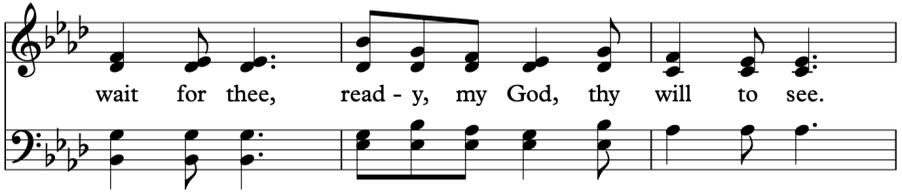


hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare



that shall un - clasp and set me free. Si - lent - ly now I
ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.





wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.



O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my ears,
O - pen my heart,

Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, 3 November – Worship at 17h30

On the first Sunday of each month, our congregation holds its worship service at 17h30 instead of 11h00. So please remember that next Sunday, 3 November, worship will take place in the evening. We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, giving thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. We hope to see you there. *Please note there is no church school this Sunday.*

Interested in Joining the English-Speaking Congregation?

Membership in our congregation is simple, a way of claiming this as your home church in Geneva for however long you are here. You can still retain membership in a church in your home country if you wish. If you'd like to learn more about joining the congregation as a member, please contact the church office or Andy Willis soon. We plan to receive newmembers shortly and will hold an orientation session in the coming weeks.

Save the Date: Talent Fest on Friday 8 November

One of the ways we support our congregation is by offering our time and talents to bring our common ministry to life. On Friday 8 November at 19h00, all are invited to a “Talent Fest”—a potluck dinner with fun, games, and a focus on offering our talents for the good of our community. All are welcome!

Worship Committee

The worship committee will meet again on Monday evening, 28 October, 19h00 at the church to continue planning for Advent-Christmas. All are welcome to join in. Terry MacArthur can provide you with the Biblical texts for the season.

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: **23 November from 10h00 to 12h00, for an art workshop, and 6 December at 18h30, for a Christmas dinner.** Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; maritbmoore@hotmail.com) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; cwilbers@gmail.com) for more information.

Choir Rehearsals Resume this Week

Following the fall school break, weekly choir rehearsals resume this Thursday, 31 October. We meet each Thursday at 19h30 to practice music for the upcoming Sunday and work on additional pieces. All are welcome—come and sing!

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

3 November – Group D

10 November – Group E

17 November – Group A

24 November – Group B

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

Confirmation Class this Year?

During the academic year, our congregation regularly offers confirmation classes for young people—an opportunity to study key topics of the Bible and Christian faith and to begin claiming the faith as one's own. Students typically begin classes at around 13 or 14 years old, though there is room for some flexibility when it comes to ages. We are exploring now whether we have enough interested students to begin a class this year. If your son or daughter is interested in joining this year, please contact Andy Willis at pastor@genevalutheran.ch or 079 544 70 12.

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This Week's Schedule:

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| Tues, 29 Oct | 19h00 | Congregation Council meeting |
| Thurs, 31 Oct | 19h30 | Choir practice |
| Sun, 3 Nov | 17h30 | Worship on All Saints' Sunday, Rev. Ireneusz Lukas preaching |

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

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