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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

17 NOVEMBER 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.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Guest Preacher and Presider: Rev. Terry MacArthur

Reader: Marc de Chassey

Prayer leader: Dinesh Suna

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

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A Home away from Home: Stewardship 2025

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines*

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Even if we do not know how to pray as we ought,
the Holy Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Even if we do not know how to give as we ought,
the Holy Spirit strengthens us, so our fears subside.

Even if we do not know how to love as we ought,
the Holy Spirit breathes into us the image of God and reminds us of who we are.

Even as certainties crumble like old temples,
we gather together with all our questions and hopes,
with affirmations we are ready to defend,
with doubts we cannot dismiss out of hand.

But it is good to be with one another,
much better than being alone,

and our voices become stronger
in God's house, where we celebrate we are living stones,
built for God's own habitation,
filled with praise of the Blessed Trinity, one God, now and ever.

Hymn

Built on the rock

Ludvig M. Linderman: Norway

Nikolai F.S. Grundvig: Denmark. English, Carl Doving adpt.



1. Built on a rock the Church shall stand, e - ven when
 2. Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al -
 3. We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for God's
 4. Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when



ste - ples are fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - ery
 might - y, is dwell - ing; high in the heavens God's tem - ple
 own hab - i - ta - tion; fill - ing our hearts, these hum - ble
 church bells are ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's



land, bells still are chim - ing and call - ing - call - ing the
 stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who
 thrones, grant - ing us life and sal - va - tion. Were two or
 Word where Christ this prom - ise is bring - ing; "I know my



young and old to rest, call - ing the souls of
 dwells in heaven a - bove deigns to a - bide with
 three to seek God's face, God in their midst would
 own, my own know me; you, not the world, my



those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies God's tem - ple.
 show them grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 face shall see; my peace I leave with you." A - men.

English, Carl Doving adapted.

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of truth,
forgive us.

God of grace,
forgive us.

God, whose giving knows no ending,

forgive us.

God, whose power is a cross,

forgive us.

God, whose mercy stretches wide,

forgive us.

God of burning compassion,

forgive us.

God of steadfast love,

forgive us.

God revealing who you are in Jesus Christ,

forgive us

and turn us to be faithful in following him

in all that we are and do.

Sung Response

Lord, have mercy

Swee Hong Lim: Singapore

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first line of music starts with a double bar line and repeat sign, followed by the melody for 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The second line continues the melody for 'Lord, have mer - cy on us.' and ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

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Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Glory be to you

Ps 98 adapted by Samuel Liew: Singapore

Indonesian/Malaysian folk song adapted by Samuel Liew

Glo - ry be to you, our Cre - a - tor and our God, to
you, the Ho - ly Spir - it, and to Je - sus Christ, our Lord.

The musical notation is in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is spread across two lines of music. The first line covers the text 'Glo - ry be to you, our Cre - a - tor and our God, to' and the second line covers 'you, the Ho - ly Spir - it, and to Je - sus Christ, our Lord.'

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." ' The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker: Australia

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics, also ending with a double bar line. Chord symbols A, E, D, and A are placed above the notes.

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Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Terry MacArthur

Hymn

Take my gifts

Shirley Erena Murray

Colin Gibson: Aoteroa/New Zealand

1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2. Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3. Take what - ev - er I can of - fer, gifts that I have yet to find,

gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free.
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God;
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,

Now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way;
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

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.

Testimony

Njoroge Njuguna

Gathering of Gifts

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English Francisco F. Feliciano. Music by Ben Pangosban: Philippines

1. Sing a song, sing a song to the LORD, all the world sing and bless the Name,
ay ay, salidummay, ay, ay, salidummay.
Daily sing of the saving power, tell all lands of the wondrous works;
ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay, salidummay.
(These are words expressing praise.)
2. Great is God, worthy of all praise, worship God high above all things,
ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay, salidummay.
Who with might made the universe, honor give to God's majesty,
ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay, salidummay.
3. Tribes on earth, bow, confess God's might, bow down and give all glory due,
ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay, salidummay.
Come to God, bring your gifts most rare;
fill heav'n's hall with your joyful sound,
ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay, salidummay.

Offertory

Mi pela i bung

Psalm 68:26 Neo-Melanesian

Traditional: Papua New Guinea

Mi pe - la i bung pa - pa God long on - rim yu na long
 God of all the world, we have come to give you thanks and be -
 drum simile

1. ten - kim yu tru. tru. Long dis - pe la
 come more like you. you. In wor - ship we

2. lo - tu ol pi - pel i bung wan - taim yu.
 long to be one with each oth - er and you.

Sanctus

Kudus, kudus, kuduslah Tuhan

Sakamoto: Indonesia

Ku - dus, ku - dus, ku - dus - lah Tu - han Al -
Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
lah se - ga - la ku - a - sa. Sur - ga dan bu - mi are
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
pen - uh ke - mu - lia an - Mu. Ter - pu - ji - lah, Ter - pu - ji - lah,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.
Eng - kau di sur - ga. Ter - ber - kat - i - lah, yang da - tang
Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
a - tas na - ma Tu - han. Ter - pu - ji - lah
in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na
ter - pu - ji - lah Eng kau di sur - ga.
in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

Love is served at this table, as we remember Jesus.
This bread, the body of Christ.
This wine, the blood of Christ.
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

Anak Domba Allah

M. Karatem: Indonesia

A - nak-dom-ba Al - lah, Yang meng - ha - pus do - sa
 du - ni - a. A - nak - dom - ba Al - lah,
 1. 2. ka - sih - an - i ka - mi, ka - sih - an - i ka - mi.
 3. b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai, b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. 3rd time grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome for communion. Come and take any empty space around the altar. You will receive the bread. Then choose a cup: a dark cup for wine, a lighter cup for grape juice. Place the used cup on the next tray before returning to your seat.

Songs during communion

Far beyond our mind's grasp

First verse, unison. Second verse, treble voices.

Third verse, all with tenor harmony. Fourth verse, unison

Francisco F. Feliciano: Philippines Caturgo Na Nonoy, Bicol folksong: Philippines

D

1. Hin - di ko ma - i - sip, kay la - king hi -
 1. Far be - yond our mind's grasp and our tongue's de -
 2. None of us is worth - y to re - ceive your
 3. So our hearts are lift - ed to the realm a -
 4. Soon you bid us scat - ter, share what we in -

Em A

wa - ga Kay la - king pag - li - ngap, pag - pa - pa ka -
 clar - ing, you are here in mys - tery, qui - et - ly and
 es - sence, in this meal to - geth - er, yet, the gift is
 bove us, nour - ished and u - ni - ted by the pre - cious
 her - it from this home of bless - ings where we taste your

D

sa - kit, Sa - la na - ming ta - o
 with - out fail: lift - ed once on Cal - vary,
 yours by choice, death can nev - er snatch us
 bread and wine. Here what sweet con - tent - ment
 peace and grace. May our lives be al - tars

More than we know

Shirley Erena Murray: Aotearoa/New Zealand

Lu Chen Tiong: based on Malay folk motives

1. More than we know, God works with - in us,
 2. He is God's eye, chang - ing our fo - cus,
 3. He is God's face, smile of the rain - bow,
 4. He is God's heart, tuned to our heart - beat,

more than we trust, mus - tard seeds grow,
 he is the light, flood - ing our mind,
 co - lor of peace, blend - ing us all,
 he is the air, lift - ing our wings,

more than we dream, God's pos - si - bil - i - ty,
 he is the fire, Spir - it and en - er - gy
 he is the coin, God's new e - con - o - my,
 his are the arms stretched out, to chal - lenge us,

this is the gos - pel of love: for Christ has come
 spark - ing our spir - it to shine.
 spend - ing to feed and to save.
 he is our cour - age to fly,

bring - ing us life, life in its full - ness and joy.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving for the work for the livestream

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Assembly – Sunday 24 November

Our annual year-end assembly will take place in person following worship next Sunday, 24 November. During the meeting, we will adopt the budget for 2025 and elect a nominating committee for new members of the church council.

Assembly materials were sent to all members by email this past week. If you did not receive the message or would like a hard copy of the assembly reports sent by post, please contact the church office. For those unable to attend in person, it will be possible to attend via Zoom—a link will be sent out this coming week. Members, please plan to attend—your voice is important, and we need at least 50 members for a quorum.

Stewardship for 2025 – “A Home Away from Home”

Every autumn, we as congregation members are invited to reflect on what this community means to us and on how we will each offer our support in the coming year in terms of time, talents, and money. Today, Njoroge Njuguna gave witness and the following Sunday Sivin Kit will do so as well. We are now encouraged to offer our estimates of giving for the coming year. Giving forms will be sent out by email and by post in the coming week and we ask each member to bring its time and talents form on Sunday, 24 November. Please take this step of participating in our ministry in an intentional way.

Women’s Circle Invitation – Meeting on 23 November

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.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 21 December

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 21 December 2024. It takes place from 9h00 until about 13h00 at Le Jardin de Montbrillant (Rue de Montbrillant 3) just behind Geneva Cornavin train station. All are welcome to sign up and help prepare and serve a warm meal. Contact the church office or Elisabeth Benn (chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch) for more information.

Stars singing thanksgiving--an Advent-Christmas for troubled times

In two weeks, Advent begins. The epistle readings for Advent insist that we prepare for the coming of Christ with thanks for the gift of God. So we will be using the image of stars, which might help make our gratitude visible and vital.

Making the stars.

Monday, 25 November, 19h30 at the church, some of the worship committee will be sitting together with tea and shiny paper, cutting and folding. The directions are simple. A few more hands will make the work lighter. But what better way to give Advent a spiritual start than sitting with friends, or friends in the making, preparing stars for worship?

First Sunday of Advent, 1 December, 17h30

Advent starts with an evening service. In the dusky light, the stars begin to shine.

Second Sunday of Advent, 8 December, 11h00

As giving thanks becomes our pattern, more stars surround us.

Third Sunday of Advent, 15 December 11h00

The Sunday School pageant becomes our rejoicing.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 22 December 11h00

Mary's Magnificat leads us into praise.

Christmas Eve, 24 December, 17h30

Candlelight with an abundance of stars will shine over the carols.

Christmas Day, 25 December 11h00

Communion and carols celebrate the presence of Christ.

Choir Rehearsals - Thursday Evenings

The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to anyone—we meet on Thursday evenings from 19h30 until 21h00 to learn the music for the upcoming Sunday worship service and work on additional pieces. Come and sing!

Church School

We meet each Sunday from 10h00 to 10h45 during the school year (except on the first of each month, when worship is in the evening, and during school vacations). There are two classes—one for ages 3-8, and one for 9 through confirmation age—both meeting in the top floor classrooms. Questions? Contact the church office.

Christmas Carol Singalong

On Sunday, 22 December at 17h00, the English- and German-Speaking Congregations will hold a Christmas carol singalong at the church. And on Friday, 20 December at 19h00, there will be a practice for those playing instruments to accompany the singing (open to everyone – no prior skills required). Weather permitting, we'll be in the church garden, singing for one another and for our neighbors in the Old Town--and if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll be in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be provided afterward; all are warmly welcome.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

24 November – Group B

1 December – Group C

8 December – Group D

15 December – Group E

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

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This Week's Schedule:

Thurs, 21 Nov	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sat, 23 Nov	10h00	Women's circle
Sun, 24 Nov	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
	12h30	Congregational Assembly

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