

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA
ALL SAINTS



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30
3 NOVEMBER 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
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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:

Guest Preacher and Presider: Rev. Ireneusz Lukas

Reader: Clare Duran

Prayer leader: Anotidashe Mtata

Altar care: Aleida Auld

Assisting ministers: Clare Duran, Faith Fookes, Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti,
Ana Villanueva

Ushers: Ngoni Hove, Hiromi Yano

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost + 3 November 2024, 17h30
All-Saints Sunday

Guest Preacher and Presider: Rev. Dr. Ireneusz Lukas

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Oceania:*
American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky,
Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New
Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Surrounded by the communion of saints,
we gather to learn the height, the depth, the breadth of love,
the love of God calling us beyond ourselves,
the love of neighbor leading us into the life worth the living.

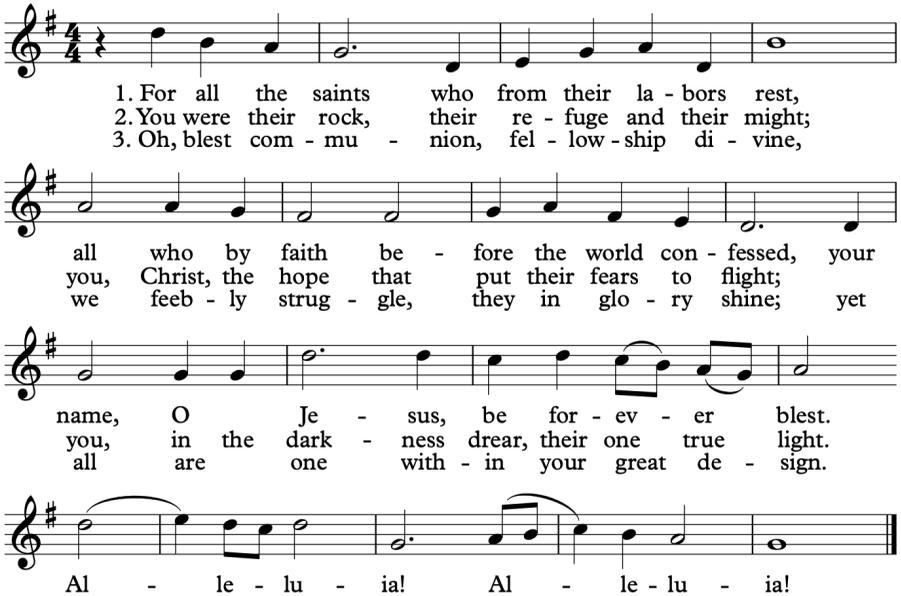
We give thanks to the Father,
who out of the womb of love created us for love.

We give thanks to Christ Jesus,
who called, and still calls, ordinary folk to love extraordinarily.

We give thanks to the Holy Spirit,
who to the encumbered gave, and still gives, love renewed.

William W. How alt

Ralph Vaughan Williams: England



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2. You were their rock, their re - fuge and their might;
 3. Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,

all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, your
 you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
 we feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 all are one with - in your great de - sign.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

On this night when we celebrate the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, encouraging us in our faith, we give thanks for our baptism, which has made us part of that company.

Let us pray.

In the waters of creation, your people were formed, God of grace.
You know our names and the names of those who, by word and deed, have shown us the way.

In the waters of the Jordan,
 you claimed Jesus of Nazareth as your Beloved.
We are baptized into his death, his rising, joining the long parade of those who have emerged from the waters alive to your will.

Even when the waters are troubled,
 your Spirit provides comfort and courage.
We are bathed in the light of those who have gone before us, whose witness beckons us to become our best,

so love reigns not only in heaven but also in our midst.

All honor and glory belong to the blessed Trinity,
one God, now and ever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise **Yumi ol geta bung wantaim**

Neo-Melanesian: Papua New Guinea



Yu - mi ol ge - ta bung wan-taim lip - tim a - pim
nem bi - long God long ol ge - ta dei blong yu-mi.
Yu-mi bung wan-taim ha-ma-mas wan taim. God i bun-gim
yu-mi long bo - di bi - long kraist. Yu - mi ka - map wan bel,
yu-mi wan bel long ol - ge - ta dei blong yu-mi.

*Let us all gather together
Lifting up God's name
In every day of our lives
Coming together*

*Rejoicing together
God brings us together in the body of Christ
Coming together in peace
In every day of our lives*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines
strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker: Australia

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 12.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Ireneusz Lukas

Hymn

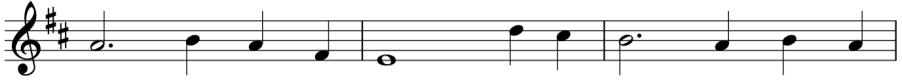
Like a mother who has borne us

Daniel Bechtel

William P. Rowan: USA



1. Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
 2. Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
 3. Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
 4. When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
 trust in power and might, left be - hind our bro - thers,
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

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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.

The Passing of the Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts

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For all the saints

Vs 4-7

William W. How alt

Ralph Vaughan Williams: England

4. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
 5. The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west;
 6. But then there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: the
 7. From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through

steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith-ful ser-vants com-eth rest;
 saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

hearts are brave a-gain and arms are strong. Al-
 sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the blest.
 King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost.

- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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. Long dis - pe la
 come more like you. you. In wor - ship we

2. tru. Long dis - pe la
 you. In wor - ship we

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

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Great 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.

Preface

At the end of the preface:

With all your people of every time and place, with fathers and mothers, with fierce friends and welcoming strangers, with coffee-makers and gate-keepers, we give you honor and glory.

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

Eating this bread, we remember we are part of the body of Christ, including all those we love. Drinking from this cup, we remember we are part of the blood of Christ, love poured out, without the limits of time or space. 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

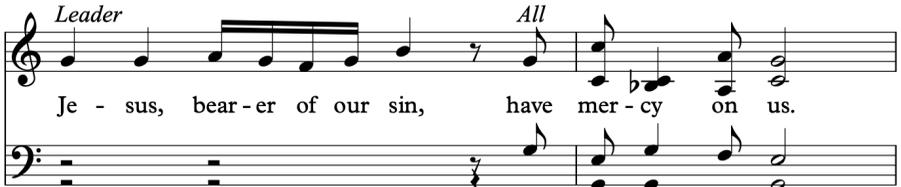
Andrew Donaldson: Canada

Leader All

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

mer - cy

Leader



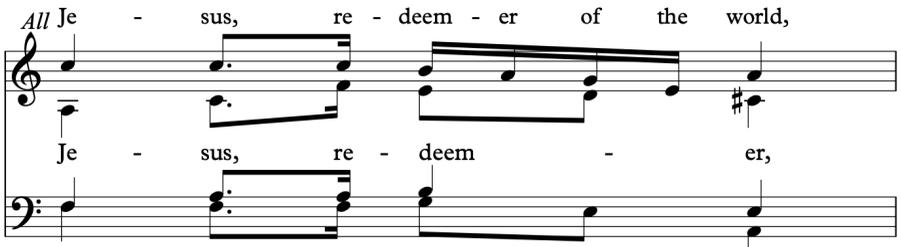
Je - sus, bear - er of our sin, have mer - cy on us.

All



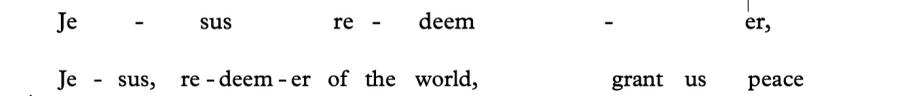
mer - cy

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

All are welcome for communion.

If you wish, come first and light a candle at the font. Say the name or names you want to remember this night. Place the candle in the basin, then find an empty space around the altar. After receiving the bread, choose a cup: dark-colored for wine or lighter for grape juice. Place the used cup on the next tray before returning to your seat.

Chant

Beati in domo Domini

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter rest. The lyrics 'Be - a - ti in do - mo Do - mi - ni.' are written below. The second staff is labeled 'Canon' and contains three measures of a rhythmic pattern: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter rest. This pattern is repeated three times, with the first and second occurrences marked with boxed numbers 1 and 2 respectively. The lyrics 'Be - a - ti Be - a - ti Be - a - ti Be -' are written below. The third staff continues the canon pattern, marked with a boxed number 3, and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics 'a - ti Be - a - ti Be - a - ti' are written below.

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Happy are they who dwell in God's house.

Verses sung by members of the choir as the congregation continues to sing either the canon or the simple refrain.

Blest the poor in Spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blest are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blest are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness, for they shall have their fill.

Blest are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blest are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blest are those persecuted for holiness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date: Talent Fest this Friday, 8 November at 19h00 -- Food, fun & fellowship. We are all invited to bring food for this potluck dinner and talents to offer for our community life together.

We will share a meal together.

- A-I surnames: Bring a dessert.
- J-Z surnames: Bring a main dish, large salad or side-dish
- All parties: Something to drink (water, coffee, tea provided)

We will share and celebrate the different kinds of talents which help bring our parish to life:

- Welcoming, worship, fellowship, games, music, teaching, outreach, social ministries and more.

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.

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.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

10 November – Group E	17 November – Group A
24 November – Group B	1 December – Group C

*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, 7 Nov	19h30	Choir practice
Fri, 8 Nov	19h00	Talent Fest
Sun, 10 Nov	10h00	Church school
Sun, 10 Nov	17h30	Worship on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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