

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30

2 FEBRUARY 2025

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a home away-from-home,
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
shared beliefs, experiences and concerns. Opportunities for fellowship, spiritual
growth and recreation bring families, friends and acquaintances together. Such
bonds are precious in a city of so many welcomes and farewells.
Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church*

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this evening:

Reader: Kiki Lawal

Prayer leader: Jonathan Frerichs

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Gladys Yegon

Usher: Lusubilo Malakibungu

Offering counters: Sam Mungure, Tom Taylor

Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group B

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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany + 2 February 2025, 17h30

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:
Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

God is love,
the birth of our faith and its summation.
God is love,
our hope, our signpost, our manner, our song.
God is love,
the simplest understanding of Christianity, and also its most encompassing.
God is love,
crucified again and again, yet rising within the embrace of eternity.
God is love.

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Charles Wesley

Rowland H. Prichard: U.K.



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, to
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3. Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er, let us all thy
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art all com -
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our bent to
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and praise thee
 glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
 deep inside, we know that loving is living,
yet how quickly our patience fails
so kindness strides away on a swagger of pride.

How naturally resentment seems to rise,
 justifying a rudeness that insists on our own way.
Forgive us all that falls short of following your way.

*Turn us to the love that bears all things, believes all things,
 hopes all things, endures all things.
 Instill in us the love that never ends,
 whose strength is not the ability to push or punch,
 but the courage to embrace and include, even in the face of our fears.
 Lead us with your steadfast love, to be more loving,
 serving your Beloved, Jesus Christ, love divine, all loves excelling,*

Kyrie

Mt. Athos Melody: Greece

Basses sing D throughout

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mercy.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Thoxa si

Doxology

Andante

Greece

Tho - xa Si to thi - xan - ti to fos.
 Glo - ry to God, who gives us light.
 Tho - xa en ip - sis - tis The - o. Kai e - pi gis i - ri - ni
 Glo - ry in the high - est to God. And on the earth may peace reign
 en an - thro - pis ev - tho - ki - a A - gi - os o The - os.
 a - mong peo - ple of good will. *repeat 3 times*
 A - gi - os Is - ki - ros. A - gi - os A - tha - na - tos e - le - i - son i - mas.
Bases articulate text on the note, C, sustained throughout. *Refrain: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

♩ = 108 as taught by Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim: Syria

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

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Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 4.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

Every day, I will offer you

Shirley Erena Murray

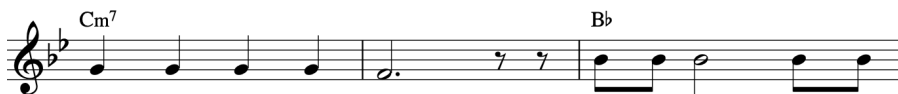
Colin Gibson: Aoteroa/New Zealand



1. Ev-ery day I will of - fer you, lov - ing God, my heart and
2. Ev-ery day I will fo - cus on Christ, and lift my cour - age
3. Ev-ery day I will look to Christ, and give thanks for wine and
4. Ev-ery day I will walk with you, an - swer your com - pas - sion's
5. Ev-ery day I will take your word, an - swer your com - pas - sion's



mind ev - ery way I dis - cov - er you in the
 high through the tides and the toss - ing of waves that
 bread, through the pain and the emp - ti - ness where your
 claim, find my feet and my bear - ings to try deep
 claim, cel - e - brate ev - ery sign of hope, ev - ery



work your hand has signed; help me see I'm your
 drown, and hopes that die; help me see step - ping
 world cries to be fed; help me see I can
 plac - es in your name: help me see I can
 deed done in your name; help me see you are



im - age, and you have dreamed what I might be
 out of the boat, I'll learn what risk might be
 work for change, and wher - ev - er I might be,
 speak for the faith when you're at work in me,
 al - ways there, and your light can shine through me,



ev - ery day in your Spir - it, I'll find the love and en - er - gy!

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Apostles' Creed

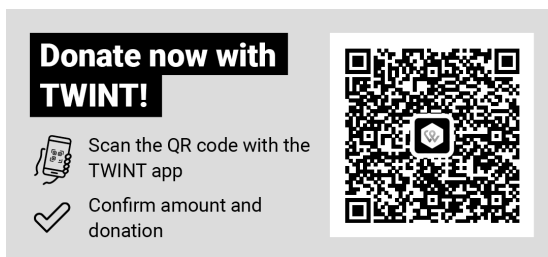
***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he 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.

Gathering of Gifts

*Your gifts are essential to our congregation's ministry.
You can give in several ways: by placing money in the offering bag,
by bank transfer (details on the back of the bulletin), or by TWINT.*



Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Choir

Music: Carlotta Ferrari, 2018, Text: Paulinus of Aquileia, 8th century

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

Offertory

We give you thanks

Greek Orthodox

Bass G

We give you thanks, Christ, our God,

Bass D

for your earth - ly gifts!

Bass E *Bass D*

Do not de - prive us of your hea - ven - ly king - dom,

but as you came a - mong your dis - ci - ples, O Sav - ior,

Bass G

giv - ing them your peace, come al - so a - mong us and save us.

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor *People*

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

Pastor *People*

Lift up your hearts. ***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

*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

Because Christ is with us at this table, love is the bread we eat,
and love is the wine poured out for our salvation.
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

Agnus Dei

Ya hamalaLah

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine

Ya ha-ma-la-Lah al-ha-mel kha-ta-yal-'a-lam Ir-
O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
ham-na. Ya ha-ma-la-Lah al-ha-mel kha-ta-yal-
mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the
'a-lam im-nah-na-sa-lam, im-
sins of the world, grant us your peace, grant
nah-na-sa-lam, im-nah-na-sa-lam.
us your peace, grant us your peace.

Music © Yusuf Khill.

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 **Ubi caritas**

Lento ♩ = 72 Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor.

U - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

U - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

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Chon rizad

Roozbeh Najarnejad: Farsi

Chon ri-zad ba-ra-né roo-hé to bar ka-vi-ré 'al-de-sert
As the rain of your Spir-it pours out ov-er my de-sert

bam heart, bi-ya-ba-nha boo-stan mi-gar-dan
gar-dens spring from the wil-der-ness and

ba lam-sé roo-hat hat sha-fa-hi
flowers bloom with your touch. touch. A sur-prise,

ta-zeh bak-shad jo-nam ra sier gar-da-nad. so-roo-di
heal-ing comes near. I'm re-newed, ful-ly a-live. A new song

ta-zeh na-had bar lab-hoy-yé tar-sa-nam
flows from my lips, and its sound count-ers my fear.

a-za-dim ba lam-sé ou pi-roo-zim dar na-mé ou
With his touch, I be-come free. My suc-cess found in his name,

bi-ya-banan boo-stan sha-vad boo-stan-ha jan-gle sha-vad
all the dry plac-es made green, and the green burst-ing with flowers.

English paraphrase by Terry MacArthur based on a translation by Neda Gehl.

Jesu, Jesu

Tom Colvin: UK

Ghana folk song; arranged by Tom Colvin

Refrain



Fine



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

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Sending forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Prayer Group – Tuesday 4 February

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. The next meeting will take place at church, on Tuesday, 4 February from 19h until 20h. If you cannot join in person, it will also be possible to join online, via Zoom. Please contact Kiki Lawal with any questions you have or prayer requests you like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

Women's Circle Invitation – Saturday 8 February

Ladies, come and join our Women's Circle! We gather in our church, our village, on one Saturday each month from 10am to 12pm for coffee and croissants and for fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome. Dates for the coming months: **8 February, 15 March, 19 April**. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Gladys Yegon, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office for more information.

Children's Choir - 8 and 9 February

On Saturday 8 February, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg will be offering a children's choir rehearsal at the church from 10h to 12h. The children will learn a song that they will then sing during the worship service on 9 February. Kids of all ages are welcome! Contact Katharina with any questions: katharina@genevalutheran.ch

Youth Trip to Taizé – Ascension Weekend

The congregation is exploring the possibility of organizing a trip to Taizé for youth ages 15-20, over the Ascension weekend (29 May – 1 June). If your son or daughter is possibly interested in joining, please contact Andy Willis soon.

2024 Giving Statements

The church office is currently working on preparing 2024 giving statements for all who gave on record last year. We hope to have them ready in the next 1-2 weeks—thank you for your patience.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

9 February – Group C

16 February – Group D

23 February – Group E

2 March – Group A

*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:

Tue, 4 Feb	19h00	Prayer group
Thurs, 6 Feb	19h30	Choir practice
Sat, 8 Feb	10h00	Children's choir practice
	10h00	Women's circle
Sun, 9 Feb	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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