

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

9 FEBRUARY 2025

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

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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
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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Adela Bevan

Prayer leader: Gladys Yegon

Altar care: Aleida Auld

Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Vivien Liu, Sarah Stephens

Ushers: Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Maarten Wilbers

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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany + 9 February 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:
Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Caught by grace,
drawn into the widening net of God's embrace,
we are carried within a sea of love beyond our understanding.
Together we discover our many gifts and vocations,
not of our own choosing,
losing our lives for the life worth the living,
giving ourselves so we might shine with God's glory bright,
telling the Gospel story of Jesus Christ,
whose voice rings out over the waters of every sea,
calling out our many names,
awaiting the response,
"Here am I. Send me."

Hymn

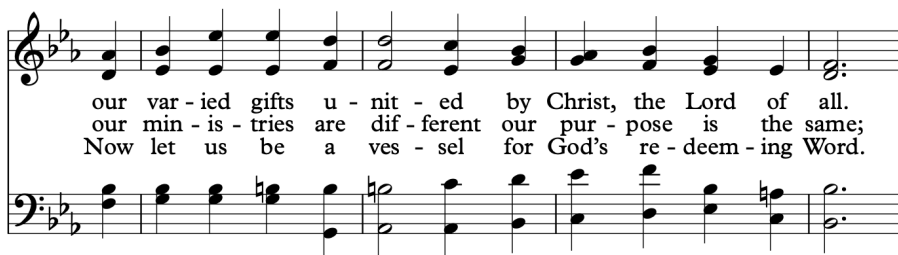
We all are one in mission

Rusty Edwards: USA

Samuel Sebastian Wesley: England



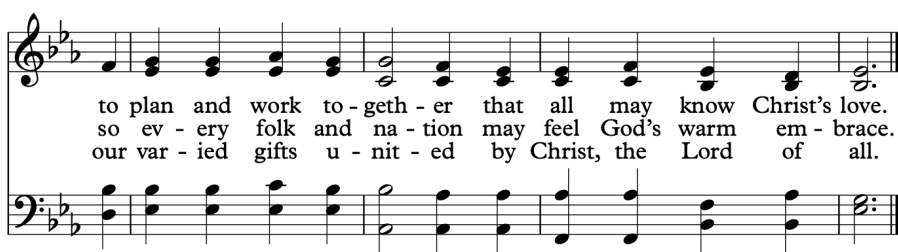
1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name,
 3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 our min - is - tries are dif - ferent our pur - pose is the same;
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Indeed, holy and glorious God,
we are part of a multitude of unclean lips.
With dishonest talk all around us,
it is easy to become less constrained by the truth.
Arrogant power pulls us into wanton selfishness.
Repetitive cries for vengeance keep us ever angry.

We confess how easily we stray from love.

Our screens fill up with, "Woe, woe, woe!"

Indeed, we are lost.

Too often we fish all night with nets remaining empty.

Would you call us anyway, Christ Jesus, to follow you?

Would you reach toward us, and tell us not to fear?

Would you send your angels to change our taste,
so love might be our bread and willing spirits our wine?

Turn us, God glorious and holy,

to a faithfulness able to say wholeheartedly, "Here I am, send me."

Kyrie

adapted from the Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert

p Have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Christ, have mer-cy.

mf Your word can make us ho-ly. Your word can set us lov-ing.

p Your word can free from sin and death. On us have mer-cy, Lord.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Canta mio cuore

Ferruccio Corsani: Italy

Can - ta mio cuo - re tut - ta la tua gio - ia, al - le -
Sing, my heart; sing the joy that dwells with - in you. Al - le

lu - ia! Dio cac - cia via pa - u - ra ed a - ma - rez - za,
lu - ja!. God ov - er comes our bit - ter - ness and wor - ries,

fa in noi bril - lar fi - du - cia ed al - le - grez - za:
so we can shine with con - fi - dence and hap - pi - ness.

Can - ta mio cuo - re tut - ta la tua gio - ia,
Sing, my heart; sing the joy that dwells with - in you.

can - ta mio cuo - re, al - le - lu - ia!
Sing, all my heart. Sing al - le - lu - ia!

English, Terry MacArthur

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; he whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit

to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Will you come and follow me*

Solo

Text by John Bell and Graham Maule: Scotland

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

*Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 5.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

Will you come and follow me

Solo

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that

they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon.

Will you come and follow me

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Solo

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Congregational Response **Thuma mina**

Zulu: South Africa

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na.
Send me Je - sus. Send me Je - sus.

Thu - ma mi - na, Nko - si yam.
Send me Je - sus. Send me Lord.

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Sermon Andy Willis

Hymn

Every day, I will offer you

Shirley Erena Murray

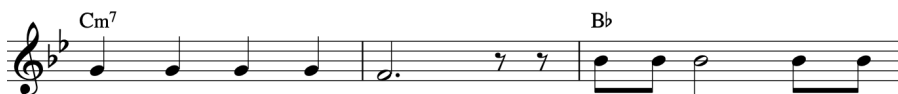
Colin Gibson: Aoteroa/New Zealand



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
 down, 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


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Gathering of Gifts

*It can be a girl
Tomas Boström: Sweden*

Children's Choir

*1. It can be a girl in Guatemala, it can be a man in Tel Aviv,
it can be a lady in Luanda, anyone can show you a belief.
Refrain: Open your doors, open your doors, open your doors the world is
waiting. (2x)*

*2. It can be a sunny day in springtime, it can be a song you like to hear,
it can be a hand you like to hold on, something someone whispers in your ear.*

*3. It can be in church the whole thing happens,
it can be in something that you see,
it can be the glowing of the candles, it can be a word that is the key.*

Offertory Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Thomas Ken: England, 1627-1711

Louis Bourgeois: Geneva

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor *People* Sursum corda
The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.
Pastor *People*
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor *People*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface

Sanctus

You are holy

Samba

Per Harling: Sweden

Dm Gm C7 Fmaj7
Du är he - lig, Du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer,
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
Bb Gm A(sus4) A7
än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, Du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl sig - nad va - re Du, Som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

Väl sig - nan - de vår jord, Blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Part 2

Du är he - lig, Du är hel - het, Du är när - het,
 You are ho - ly, You are whole - ness, you are pre - sent,

He - la kos - mos lo - var Dig! Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si -
 Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing Ho - san - na in the

an - na! Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 high - est. Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - san - na to God.

First time unison. Second time women start at the beginning while the men start at Part 2.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

Jesus calls us to this table.

With this bread he says, "Follow me."

With this wine he says, "Don't be afraid."

His body and blood become our strength.

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

Christ, Agneau de Dieu

Guy Bovet: Switzerland



Christ, A - gneau de Dieu, qui ô - tes le pé - ché du mon - de,
Christ, O Lamb of God, the sins of the world you take a - way.

prends pi - tié de nous.
Have mer - cy on us.

Christ, A - gneau de Dieu, qui ô - tes le pé - ché du mon - de,
Christ, O Lamb of God, the sins of the world you take a - way.

prends pi - tié de nous.
Have mer - cy on us.

Christ, A - gneau de Dieu, qui ô - tes le pé - ché du mon - de,
Christ, O Lamb of God, the sins of the world you take a - way.

don ne - nous la paix.
Give to us peace.

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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 **Thuma Mina**

Zulu: South Africa

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal staff in treble clef and a piano accompaniment staff in bass clef. The vocal line begins with a colon, indicating a repeat. The lyrics are: 'Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na. Send me Je - sus. Send me Je - sus.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has two staves. The vocal line continues with: 'Thu - ma mi - na, Nko - si yam. Send me Je - sus. Send me Lord.' The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, ending with a double bar line.

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Optional verses: Use me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus. Fill me Jesus. etc.

Tú has venido a la orilla

Cesáreo Gabaraín: Spain



1. Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus - ca - do
 2. Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi bar - ca
 1. You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing nei - ther
 2. You know full well my pos - ses - sions, nei - ther trea - sure



— ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo quie - res
 no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo re - des
 the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly ask - ing
 nor weap - ons for con - quest, just these my fish - nets



— que yo te si - ga. Je - sús, me has mi - ra - do a los
 y mi tra - ba - jo. O Je - sus, you have looked in - to
 for me to fol - low. and will for work - ing.



o - jos; son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;
 my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.



— en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
 On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;



— jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 now with you I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú ne-ce-si-tas mis ma-nos,
 mi can-sa-cio que a o-tros des-can-se,
 a-mor que qui-ra se-guir a-man-do.

3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion,
 work-ing love for the rest of the wea-ry--
 a love that's will-ing to go on lov-ing.

4. Tú, Pes-ca-dor de o-tros ma-res,
 an-sia e-ter-na de al-mas que es-pe-ran.
 A-mi-go bue-no, que a-sí me lla-mas.

4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters;
 you, the long-ing of souls that are yearn-ing:
 as lov-ing Friend, you have come to call me.

Take, O take me as I am

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

John Bell: Iona Community, Scotland

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Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

be. Set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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Sending forth

Sending Song

Will you come and follow me

*Solo: 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

All:

John Bell and Graham Maule

Scottish Traditional arr. Iona Community

5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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.

Women's Circle Invitation

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: **15 March, 19 April, 10 May**. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Gladys Yegon, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office for more information.

Lunch and Games for Teens – Sunday 23 February

Following worship on Sunday 23 February, teens are invited to spend the afternoon together at the church. We'll have lunch as a group and play board games together. All youth ages 13-19 are welcome to join!

Taizé Evening Prayer – Wednesday 26 February

On Wednesday, 26 February, our church will be hosting a Taizé-style evening prayer service, with songs, scripture, prayer, and silence. We will be joined by two brothers from Taizé who are visiting Geneva for meetings at this time. All are welcome to attend.

Asian Dinner – Saturday 29 March

Mark your calendars! On the evening of Saturday 29 March, some of our congregation members from Asia are planning a dinner to raise funds for the church. Details will follow. If you wish to help out with this project, please contact Seng Ra Marit or Hiromi Yano.

Lent Quiet Day – Saturday 5 April

Also for your calendars: please note that the congregation is planning a quiet day on Saturday 5 April. We'll spend the day together at Le Cénacle, a former monastery in Geneva, with time for prayer, reading, walking, and reflecting.

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

Giving statements are available this morning—please pick yours up! Those not picked up today will be sent by post this week.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday.

Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

16 February – Group D

23 February – Group E

2 March – Group A

9 March – Group B

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

Andy Willis Away this Week

Andy will be out of town from 11-14 February. He is unavailable for meetings this week and will reply to emails and phone messages after returning.

This Week's Schedule:

Thurs, 13 Feb	19h30	Choir practice
Sun, 16 Feb	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship on the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Árni Svanur Danielsson preaching

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

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