

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30
2 MARCH 2025

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 evening:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer

Guest Musician: Saya Hashino

Reader: Hellen Msemo

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Ndwiga Kamwangi, Alyssa Ndwiga

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The Last Sunday after Epiphany + 2 March 2025, 17h30
Transfiguration Sunday

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands*

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer
Guest Musicians: Saya Hashino, Terry MacArthur

Gathering Songs

Beati in domo Domini

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

Be - a - ti in do - mo Do - mi - ni.

Be - a - ti Be - a - ti Be - a - ti Be -

a - ti Be - a - ti Be - a - ti

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Happy are they who dwell in God's house.

Bliebet hier

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir!
Stay with me, re - main here with me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with a trill-like figure at the end. The bass staff continues with harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Wa - chet und be - tet, wa - chet und be - tet!
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

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Dans nos obscurités

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja -
With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -

mais, qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le
way, that nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais.
fire that nev - er dies a - way, that nev - er dies a - way.


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Greeting

Whatever night we face,
the light of Christ never dies away.
His glory shines around us
and holds us within his embrace.
With the wonder of the mountaintop
and the gentle waves of the lake in the setting sun,
we join in praising the Blessed Trinity,
one God, now and ever.

Hymn


What is this place



1. What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, old
2. Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3. And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



wood its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win - dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re -
we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the mir - a -



bod - y that lives when we are gath - ered
mem - ber and speak a - gain what we have
cle that re - claims us peace - ful, whole and



here, and know our God is near.
heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
true. Through death God makes us new.

Thanksgiving for baptism

We praise you, gracious God,
for claiming us as part of your family,
calling our names so that we are clear that we belong to your realm.

***We thank you for our baptism,
for the waters by which we are washed by your love, into your love,
so we might shine with your goodness.***

We praise you, gracious God,
made human in Jesus Christ,
for your free, redeeming word,
dwelling in our midst so that we might see clearly
love beyond our imagination,
love stretched out wide,
love lived fully.

***We thank you for our baptism into the death and rising of Christ,
for your mercy that makes us new,
for the chance, in spite of all, to shine with your glory.***

We praise you, gracious God,
present with us in the warmth of the Holy Spirit,
assuring us that your arms enfold us,
inspiring us with visions of what is yet to be,
anointing us with power to live what is peaceful, whole, and true.

***We thank you for our baptism into the Spirit,
for your voice guiding us toward life,
for the radiance of your light shining through us,
reflecting your glory.***

Hymn of Praise

We who once were dead

Verses 1 and 2

Muus Jacobse. English, composite

Rik Veelenturf: The Netherlands

1. We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing
2. We were lost in night, but you sought and found us,

Je - sus as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
heard us in our plight. Death is all a - round us. Je - sus be our light.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:17—4:2

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Seinn alleluia

This evening we will remain seated for the reading of the gospel.

Traditional Irish-language acclamation

Seinn al - le - lu - ia. Seinn al - le - lu - ia. Seinn
al - le - lu, seinn al - le - lu, seinn al - le - lu - ia.

It means "Play Alleluia." Seinn is pronounced Shine.

The gospel according to Luke, chapter 9.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Seinn alleluia

Sung in a hushed way

Sermon

Chad Rimmer

Hymn

I stand before you empty-handed, Lord

Huub Oosterhuis

Bernard Huijbers: The Netherlands



1. I stand be - fore you emp - ty - hand - ed, Lord;
2. Mis - giv - ings press me down, I can - not stand;
3. O speak the word that prom - is - es me peace,



your name con - cealed, your ways be - yond ex - pres - sing.
 I am the pri - soner of my own fru - stra - tion.
 the one word that will lift me from pros - tra - tion.



You are my God, whom a - ges have a - dored;
 O God, have you not writ - ten on your hand
 O - pen the world that knows no boun - dar - ies,



my lot is death; have you no o - ther bless - ing?
 my name in to - ken of your firm com - pas - sion?
 and let your Son be praised in ev - ery na - tion.



O God, through whom my fu - ture is re - stored,
 Re - ceive me, then in - to your bless - ed land,
 God, be my dai - ly bread, my sure in - crease,



I would be - lieve, though still my doubt con - fes - sing.
 with eyes re - newed to gaze in a - do - ra - tion.
 God, be in ev - ery prayer my in - spi - ra - tion.

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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

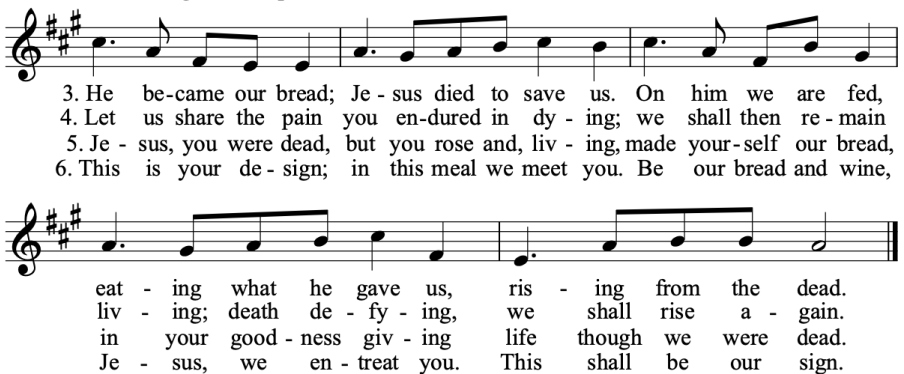
Passing of the Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts **We who once were dead** **verses 3-6**

Muus Jacobse. English, composite

Rik Veelenturf: The Netherlands



3. He be-came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him we are fed,
4. Let us share the pain you en-dured in dy - ing; we shall then re - main
5. Je - sus, you were dead, but you rose and, liv - ing, made your-self our bread,
6. This is your de - sign; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine,

eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.
in your good - ness giv - ing life though we were dead.
Je - sus, we en - treat you. This shall be our sign.

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Offertory Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Thomas Ken: England, 1627-1711

Louis Bourgeois: Geneva

Musical score for the Offertory "Praise God from whom all blessings flow". The score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. The lyrics are: "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

Musical score for the Great Thanksgiving. The score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. *And al - so 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.*" The score is divided into sections for the Pastor and the People.

Preface

Terry will lead the congregation in saying "sanctus," which means "holy".

Sanctus

You are holy

Samba

Per Harling: Sweden

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
 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.

Chords: Dm, Gm, C⁷, Fmaj⁷, B^b, Gm, A(sus4), A⁷

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

This is the bread of glory and the wine of glory.
 At this table we shine as Christ's body and 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

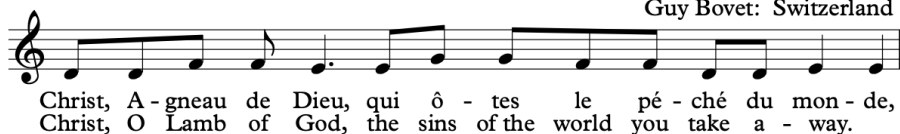
in our many languages

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

Christ, Agneau de Dieu

Guy Bovet: Switzerland



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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 **Gloria, gloria**

Jacques Berthier: France

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Glory to God in the highest.

Gentle Alleluias

Gregorian chant

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

Traditional Irish-language acclamation

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 al - le - lu, seinn al - le - lu, seinn al - le - lu - ia.

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♩ = 60

Based on a Javanese melody; arr. Sutarno

A - min, ha - le - lu - ya! A - min, ha - le - lu - ya! Ter
 A - men, Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men, Hal - le - lu - jah! We
 pu - ji Na - ma - mu A - min ha - le - lu - ya!
 praise your name, O Lord, A - men, Hal - le - lu - jah!

Ms. Hlar Hay, Myanmar



Ha-le-lu, Ha-le-lu-ja, Ha-le-lu, Ha-le-lu-ja, Ha-le-lu, Ha-le-lu-ja!

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Nunc dimitis

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France



Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne,
Let your ser - vant now go in peace, O Lord,

Do - mi - ne
O Lord,



se - cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in pa - ce.
now go in peace ac - cord-ing to your word.

Do - mi - ne.
to your word.

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Darkness now enfolds us

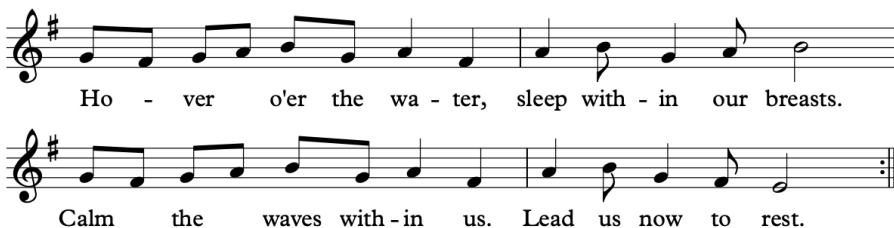
Paschal Jordan: Guyana/Trinidad and Tobago



Dark - ness now en - folds us. Day - light is at end.



Come, O Shin - ing Pre - sence, Spir - it, be our friend.



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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

Starting Next Sunday – New Church School Time

For the remainder of the school year, we'll be trying out a different schedule for church school. Starting Sunday 9 March, church school for ages 3 to 12 will meet during a portion of the worship service (instead of at 10h00). Children will begin the service with their families and return in time for Communion. We'll give this schedule a try for the coming months—contact Andy Willis or the church office with any questions.

Children's Choir - 8 and 9 March

On Saturday 8 March, 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 March. Kids of all ages are welcome! Contact Katharina with any questions: katharina@genevalutheran.ch

Telemann Mania — Violin Recitals on March 8 and 15

All members of the ELCG are cordially invited to join Yanis Eberhart and his band of musicians (harp, harpsichord, and cello) in discovering the singing, plaintive, dancing and overall brilliant music of G. Ph. Telemann. We propose two violin recitals featuring different programs on March 8 and March 15, both at 17:30. Free entry, children welcome!

The Season of Lent – Starting 5 March

This year the worship committee has decided to concentrate on the Lord's Prayer as a part of our Lenten services. Each Sunday we will have an artist creating another phrase to accompany us in the sanctuary. In addition we will all receive a card and have others write phrases in it. One of the disciplines of Lent is to pray. When turmoil roils all around, we will find a strong center in the prayer Jesus taught us.

Here are several announcements related to the upcoming season:

Book Study – *The Practice of Prayer*

In keeping with our theme this year, the community is invited to join in reading and discussing *The Practice of Prayer* by Margaret Guenther. This lovely book addresses practical questions around topics like listening for God, finding God in the ordinary, and praying through times when God does not seem to be listening. It promises to be a rich and rewarding study, grounding us in a core practice of our faith. Groups will meet weekly (likely online) for discussion through the six week of Lent. To order a book and sign up for a study group, use the paper form available this morning or the electronic form sent to the congregation's email list. Contact Andy Willis with any questions.

Ash Wednesday – 5 March, 19h30

Lent begins on Wednesday, 5 March, with a service of ashes and communion beginning at 19h30. With confession, ashes and communion we remember that in life and in death, we are the Lord's.

Lent Quiet Day – Saturday 5 April

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. Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend.

Inaugural Piano Concert – Sunday 9 March, 13h30

On Sunday 9 March at 13h30, there will be a concert to inaugurate the church's new grand piano. Members of both the English and German-speaking congregations will be playing a wide variety of pieces. All are welcome!

Choral Evensong – Sunday 16 March, 17h30

On Sunday 16 March, our church is holding a common evensong service with Holy Trinity Anglican Church, with choirs from both congregations singing. The service will be held here at the ELCG at 17h30—all are welcome to attend.

Creative Writing Group – Sunday 19 March, 19h00

Everyone who loves to write is invited to join a new creative writing group, meeting on the top floor of the church, once a month on Wednesday evening, 19h00 - 20h30. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday March 19th at 19h00. Bites will be provided. All welcome! Please contact Cynthia Wilbers or the church office for further info.

Asian Dinner – Saturday 29 March

On the evening of Saturday 29 March at 18h00, some of our congregation members from Asia are planning a dinner to raise funds for the church. The ticketing system of the event is now live. You can buy tickets using the QR code at the right. Please share this opportunity with friends beyond the congregation. And be quick—tickets are going fast!



Prayer Group – Tuesday 4 March

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 March 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

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.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

9 March – Group B

16 March – Group C

23 March – Group D

30 March – 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:

Tues, 4 March	19h00	Prayer group
Wed, 5 March	19h30	Worship on Ash Wednesday
Thurs, 6 March	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sat, 8 March	10h00	Children's choir rehearsal
	17h30	Violin concert
Sun, 9 March	11h00	Worship on First Sunday in Lent
	13h30	Piano concert

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