# **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA**

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00 16 MARCH 2025

# THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

# We are a parish of many cultures and traditions, with deep Lutheran roots and wide ecumenical branches.

Geneva is a crossroads city and our doors are open to people from all over the world. About half of our members come from Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Anglican and other traditions, and half have Lutheran links. The Lutheran Church of Geneva was started by German expatriates in the 18th century, and the English-Speaking Congregation was formed in the 1950s after the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, World YWCA and United Nations agencies opened offices in Geneva.

Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or if you have been here before and would like to know more about our community, please fill out a connection card. You can scan this QR code to submit one online, or you can fill out the card on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering basket or give it to one of the ushers.



We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

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Second Sunday in Lent + 16 March 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

The Lord's Prayer: "Hallowed Be Your Name"

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

# Greeting

Hallowed be the name of God.

Hallowed be the sound of a community gathering.

Hallowed be the praise singing from our hearts.

Hallowed be the Spirit transforming our prayers.

Hallowed be our bodies, temples where the Spirit breathes.

Hallowed be the bodies of the people near us.

Hallowed be the reading of the word.

Hallowed be the sharing of bread and wine.

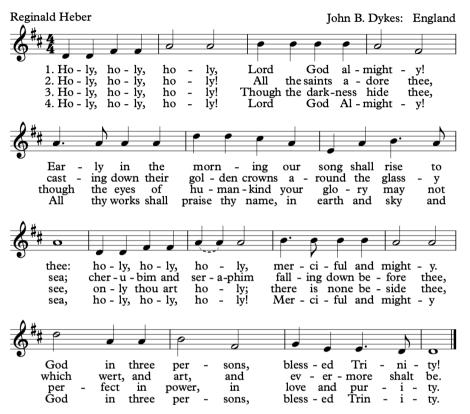
Hallowed be the old ground providing a place on which to stand.

Hallowed be the love that keeps us alive.

Hallowed be the name of God.

Holy is the name of the Blessed Trinity.





### Call to Confession

Hymn

# Prayer of Confession

Hallowed be your name, gracious God. When holiness is forsaken, trampled by the shameless push for gain, *forgive us if we stay silent or afraid.* 

When goodness is sacrificed for attention, values discarded for profit,

community squandered for self-centered desires, turn us so we don't succumb to the ways of power and greed.

When we do not recognize each person as holy,

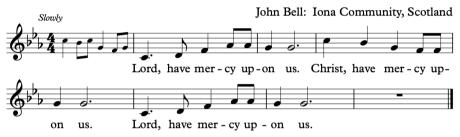
bearing your image from the dawn of creation,

forgive us for not recognizing you in those we don't like.

When we fail at becoming your holy people set aside to heal, to reconcile, to teach, to love, forgive us. Have mercy.

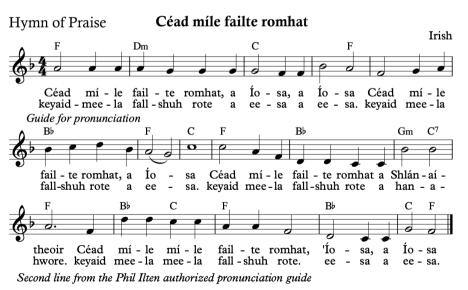
Make us holy,
so our lives carry your name
hallowed within us,
honoring Jesus Christ,
your Holy One,
dwelling in our midst as one of us,
showing the holiness that brings forth life.

## Kyrie



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#### Words of Grace



1. A hundred thousand welcomes, O Jesus, O Jesus. A hundred thousand welcomes, O Savior.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* 

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors,

the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.'

This is God's holy word, *life for all people*.

#### from Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and for evermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and God's glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God. who is seated on high. who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust. and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. Praise the Lord!

# Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and

'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is God's holy word, *life for all people*.

# Gospel Acclamation Be thou my vision

Ancient Irish trans. Mary Byrne versed by Eleanor Hull

Traditional Irish melody



Gospel Matthew 7:21-27

The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 7. *Glory to you, O Lord.* 

[Jesus said:] 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

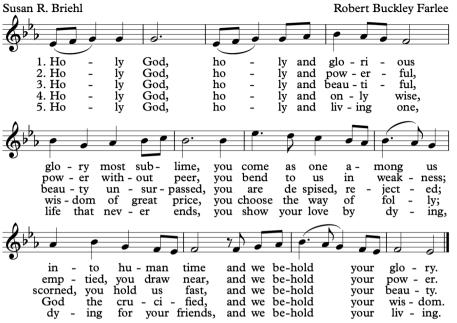
The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you*, *O Christ*.

Gospel Acclamation Be thou my vision

Sermon Andy Willis

#### Hymn

## Holy God, holy and glorious



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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*.

# Passing of the Peace

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

# 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.

Gathering of Gifts

Psalm 113
Anglican chant by J. Turle
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Choir





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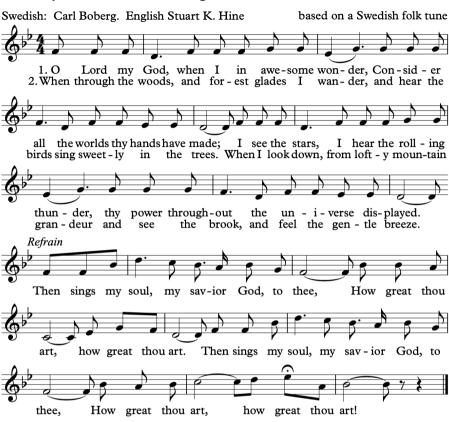


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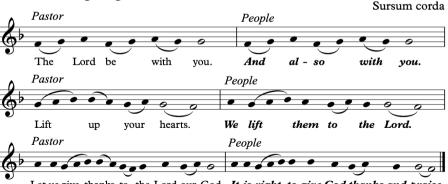
### Offertory

### How great Thou art



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# Great Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### Preface

Hallowed was your first word, *light*, when you set about creating worlds.

#### Holy.

Hallowed was the breath you breathed into Adam and Eve so they might rise up praising you.

## Holy.

Hallowed was the ground where you called Moses.

#### Holy.

Hallowed was 'I AM WHO I AM,' the gift of a name, even if unpronounced.

## Holy.

Hallowed the prophets and saints who proclaimed your judgment and your love.

# Holy.

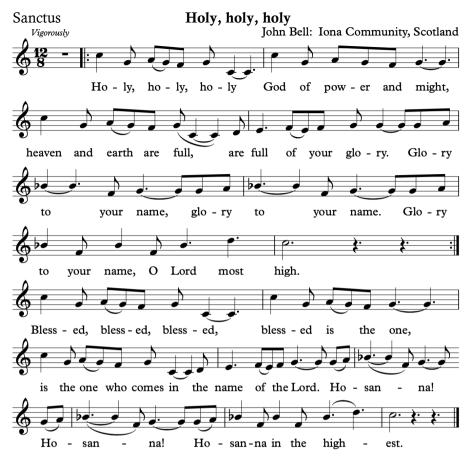
Hallowed the young maiden, who said yes to bearing your child.

# Holy.

Hallowed your Beloved, who taught us we could call to you in the terrors of the night as if you were a comforting mother, unafraid to name you near.

## Holy.

So with the church on earth and all of heaven, we sing your praise.



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# **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### Words of Institution

# Remembering

This is the bread we need for today, the bread that satisfies.

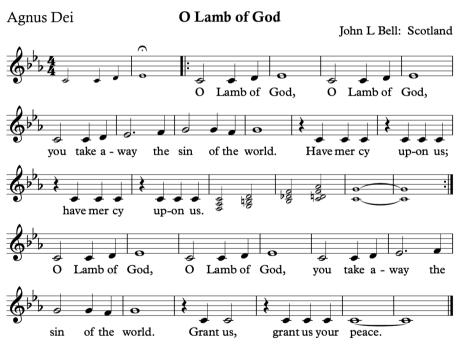
This is the wine poured out, so that sins are forgiven.

At this table we become Christ's body and blood.

We remember the death of Christ until he comes.

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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.



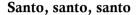
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### Invitation to Communion

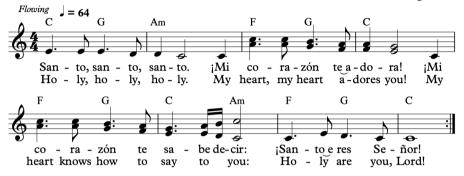
All are welcome for communion.

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.

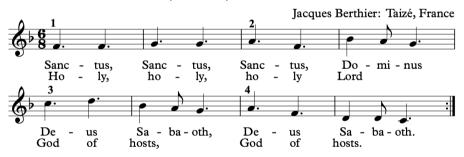
## Songs during Communion



Argentina



## Sanctus, sanctus Dominus



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#### Kosketa minua



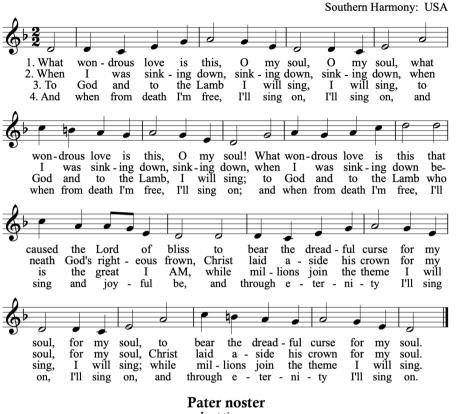
- 1. Kos ke ta mi - nu - a, Hen - ki! Kos - ke - ta, kirk - ka - us!
- 1. Touch me, God's Spir it e - ter - nal. Touch me, res-plen-dent Light.
- 2. Touch me, God's Spir it, and soothe me deep in my rest less soul.
  - 3. Spir it of God, give me cour - age, Ban - ish my doubts and fears. 4. Spir - it
- of God, bright-ly shin ing, O pen my eyes to see od's Spir it e ter nal. Teach me to thank and praise. 5. Touch me, God's Spir - it



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- 2. Kosketa, Jumalan Henki, syvälle sydämeen. Sinne paina hiliaa luottamus Jeesukseen.
  - 3. Rohkaise minua, Henki, murenna pelkoni. Tässä maailmassa osoita paikkani.
    - 4. Valaise, Jumalan Henki, silmäni aukaise, että voisin olla ystävä toisille.
      - 5. Kosketa minua, Henki! Herätä kiittämään, sinun lähelläsi armosta elämään.







Music J. Berthier © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, 71250 Taizé, France. Our Father, who is in heaven

# Sending forth

#### Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

#### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord *Thanks be to God*.

# Writing on the Lord's Prayer Card: "hallowed be your name"

On the altar retrieve your card from last week. If you were not here last week, take a blank card. Invite one other person to draw on your card, "hallowed be your name" in their own language. Maybe at the same time you write on theirs. Pens with different colors are on the tables and on the altar for drawing. You might use the printed graphic as a model, but feel free to add your own artistry. We all become scribes. Other phrases of the prayer will be added during the services to come.

When the drawing is complete, put your card back its envelope and put it in the box in alphabetical order so you can retrieve it when you next come to church. If you were not here last week, take an envelope, put your name on it, and add it to the others. If you are a visitor, you might ask more than one person to write on the card. Then take the card with you as a reminder of the service and as an invitation to pray.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### The Season of Lent and the Lord's Prayer

This year for the season of Lent, our congregation is focusing on the Lord's Prayer. We'll move slowly through this central prayer of our faith, focusing on a single line each week. In a time with more than its share of uncertainty and tumult, we root ourselves deeply in communion with God and with one another.

#### **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.

#### Choral Evensong - Today, 16 March, 17h30

Today, 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.

# Renewing Andy Willis's Contract – Forum on 23 March

Andy Willis's contract with the English-Speaking Congregation of the ELCG will expire in March of 2026, and all members are now invited to participate in the process of evaluating whether to renew the contract for an additional three-year term. Here are two ways to participate:

- A survey will be sent to all members shortly.
- A forum on this topic will be held after worship on Sunday 23 March.

Following the survey and the forum, the Council will make a recommendation on whether or not to renew Andy's contract, and the congregation will vote at our assembly on 25 May. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Nina Kiderlin, congregation president.

# Creative Writing Group – Wednesday 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.

#### **Lent Book Study – The Practice of Prayer**

In keeping with our Lenten 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 meet weekly (mostly online) for discussion through the six week of Lent. If you'd like to join, please contact Andy Willis: pastor@genevalutheran.ch

All of the church's copies of the book are now claimed. Please order a copy on your own if you haven't already requested a copy.

#### Lent Quiet Day - Saturday 5 April, 10h00-16h00

Time without a phone, or a list of things to do, time to reflect, to pray, to take account, time to step back, to consider new steps, to wonder what steps Christ might put before you, the gift of time, healing time, holy time.

time set apart with others from our church taking time, time will be the gift we offer each other as we meet on Saturday, 5 April at Le Cénacle, a former monastery in Geneva from 10h00 to 16h00. Bring a simple lunch, a Bible, a friend, who also needs some time. While we will have moments of common prayer, most of the day will be for reading, walking, reflecting. Le Cénacle will be responsible for the breaks during the day, so we need to give them an idea of how many might be coming. It will help us if you register on the sign-up sheet.

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

## Children's Choir - 12 and 13 April

On Saturday 12 April, 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 13 April. Kids of all ages are welcome! Contact Katharina with any questions: <a href="mailto:katharina@genevalutheran.ch">katharina@genevalutheran.ch</a>



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> Music director Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

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#### **Music Camp this Summer**

From Sunday, 10 August to Friday, 15 August 2025, there will be a summer camp organized by our music director Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg at Maison de Jeunesse de Vers-l'Eglise in Les Diablerets in Vaud. The camp is for children ages 7 to 13, and previous musical knowledge is not required. The whole team together with the children will create a musical with Noah's arc as the theme, and the performance of the musical will be held on Sunday, 17 August at 16h00 at the ELCG. The cost for the week is CHF 550 per child (all-inclusive) with a discount for multiple children from the same family. Contact Katharina@genevalutheran.ch) to sign up or 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:

23 March – Group D
30 March – Group E
6 April – Group A
13 April – Group B

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:

Wed, 19 March	19h00	Creative writing group	
Thurs, 20 March	19h30	Choir rehearsal	
Sun, 23 March	11h00	Worship on the Third Sunday in Lent	
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30			

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If you are a guest in our congregation today, please fill out the connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We'd love to be in touch and answer any questions you might have about the church.

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