EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA PALM SUNDAY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00 13 APRIL 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.

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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Palm Sunday + 13 April 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

The Lord's Prayer Save us



Greeting

Blessed, *Abba*, blessed, *Our Father*,

blessed,

Mothering Christ,

blessed,

In-dwelling Spirit,

blessed,

Holy Trinity, one in three and three in one,

blessed is

our Father in heaven,

blessed is the one,

hallowed be your name.

Blessed is the one who comes.

Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Give us today our daily bread.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna.

Forgive us our trespasses.

Save us.

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Hosanna in the highest.

Save us from the time of trial.

Hosanna in the highest.

Deliver us from evil.

Save us.

For yours is the kingdom.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

And the power.

Blessed is the one who comes

And the glory.

Blessed is the one.

Now and forever,

Blessed.

Blessing the Palms

You are invited to hold the palm out in your hand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

V. 4

Children who wish are invited to go to church school.

Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvellous in our eves.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

who has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever.

Hymn

All glory, laud and honor

V. 5

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God, whose steadfast love endures forever,

save us.

From violence and hatred,

save us.

From coercion and corruption,

save us.

From the deceit of others and self-deception,

save us.

From neglect and abuse,

save us.

From greed and pride,

save us.

From anger and revenge,

save us.

From the wounds that do not heal,

that lock us into patterns that are destructive to ourselves and others, save us.

From our own sin,

save us.

For the peacemaking that comes from justice,

save us.

For the compassion that serves others and the mercy that reconciles, *save us.*

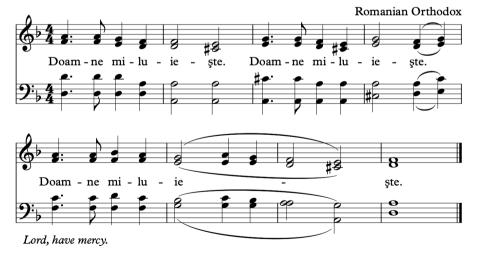
For the love of freedom and the freedom to be more and more loving,

save us.

For the turning that redirects our lives to the way of Jesus Christ. save us.

Kyrie

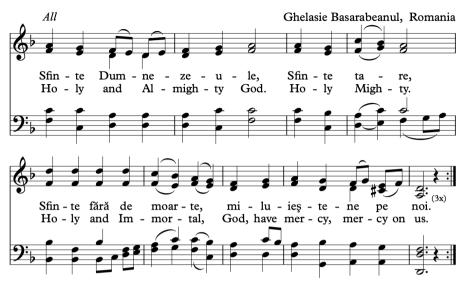
Doamne miluiște



Words of Assurance

Hymn of Praise

Sfinte Dumnezeule



Marire Tatălui şi Fiului şi Sfintului Duh. Şi acum şi pururea, şi in vecii vecilor. Amin. Glory to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, age to age, you are God forever more. Amen.



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Prayer of the Day

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

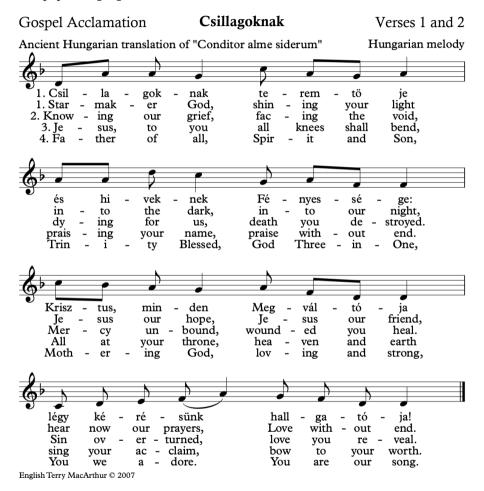
Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of

death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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



- Ki világon könyörülvén, örök halált eltérítvén meggyógyítád e világot, hozván neki orvosságot.
- 3. A te erös hatalmadnak minden térdek meghajolnak, mennyeiek és földiek Urnak vallják fölségedet.
- 4. Hálát adjunk az Istennek, Atya, Fiú, Szentléleknek, három személy fölségének, egymivoltú Istenségnek.

Gospel Luke 19:29-42

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 19. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saving,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.'

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

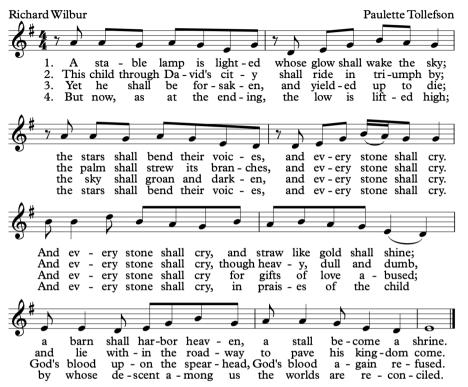
Gospel Acclamation Csillagoknak

Verses 3 and 4

Sermon Andy Willis

Hymn

A stable lamp is lighted



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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

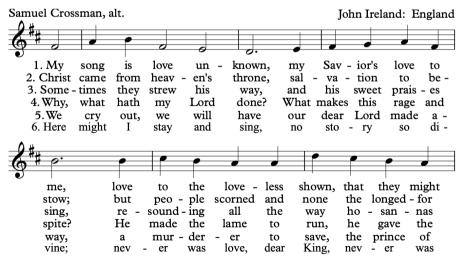
The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

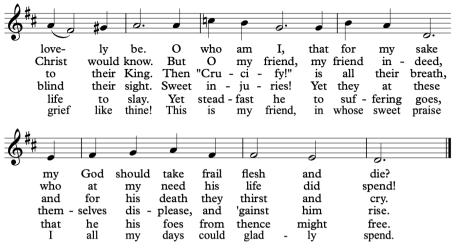
Gathering of Gifts

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.



Hymn My song is love unknown





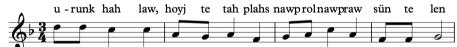
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Offertory Hymn

Urunk hála

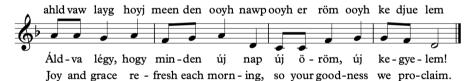
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U-runk há - la, hogy Te táp-lálsz nap-ról nap-ra szün - te - len! For the food which you keep giv-ing day by day, we God, our hearts are filled with long-ing, wait-ing to be bless your name. tru - ly

Je - sus Christ, the ev - er - giv - ing, liv - ing bread.



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with a taste

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda



Preface

Blessed the word *light*, by which you set creation on its course.

Hosanna.

Blessed the breath by which your image was installed in each human being.

Hosanna.

Blessed the rainbow, the reminder of covenants and the promise of steadfast love.

Hosanna.

Blessed the brother who forgave his older brothers who had sold him into captivity, so they might be saved from famine.

Hosanna.

Blessed the water that rose up on its waves, so that your people might walk through on dry land and become free.

Hosanna.

Blessed the dreams by which prophets could imagine a land of justice and peace.

Hosanna.

Blessed the maiden, saying yes to an angel.

Hosanna.

Blessed the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna.

With the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

Püha, püha, püha on Issand





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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

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

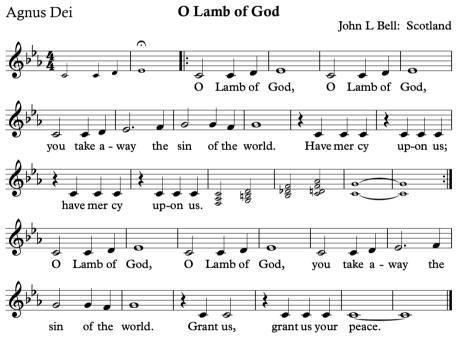
This is the wine poured out, so that sins are forgiven.

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

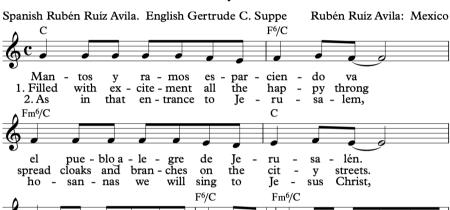
Hosanna



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

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Mantos y ramos



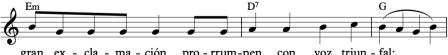
A-llá a lo le - jos se vis-lum-bra ya en un po-lli-no al Sal - va-There in the dis-tance they be - gin to see, there on a don-key, comes the to our Re-deem-er who still calls to-day, asks us to fol-low with our



dor Je - sús. Mien - tras mil vo - ces re-sue - nan por do - quier; ho Sav - ior, Christ. From ev - ery cor - ner a thou - sand voic - es sing love and faith.



san-na al que vie-ne en el nom-bre del Se-ñor. Con un a-lien-to de praise to the One who comes in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks



gran ex - cla - ma - ción pro - rrum-pen con voz triun - fal: forth in shouts of praise, our tri - um - phant song of joy:

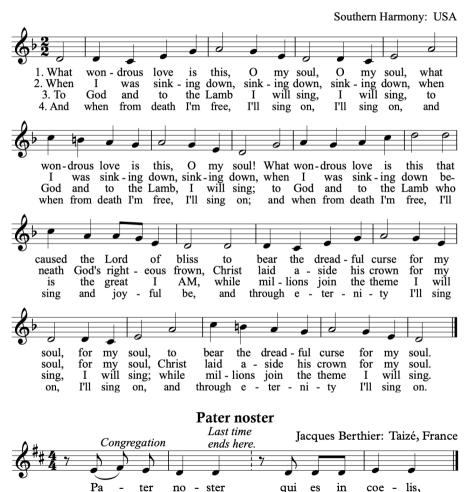


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- 2. Como en la entrada de Jerusalén todos cantamos a Jesús el Rey,
- al Cristo vivo que nos llama hoy para seguirle con amor y fe.

What wondrous love is this



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: "Save us"

At the altar, retrieve your card from previous weeks. If you were not here before in Lent, take a blank card. Invite one other person to write on your card, "Save us" 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 writing 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 before in Lent, 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

Holy Week Worship Services

Holy Week is the center of the church year, following the last days of Jesus's life, from his entry into Jerusalem to his betrayal, death, and resurrection. We will gather for worship several times during the week.

Maundy Thursday, 17 April: Worship at 19h30 – We remember Jesus's last night with his disciples by sharing Communion and washing one another's feet.

Good Friday, 18 April: Worship at 19h30 – We tell the story of Jesus's betrayal and death.

Easter Eve, 19 April: Worship at 20h30 – We share stories of God's deliverance, proclaim the good news of the resurrection, and conclude worship with a feast.

Easter Day, 20 April: Worship at 11h00 – We continue the celebration of Easter with a bright and festive service.

All worship services will take place at the church, and all except the service on 17 April will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. All are welcome!

Harvest Festival – Sunday 18 May

This year's Harvest Festival is fast approaching! This is an important annual event, raising funds for churches and organizations beyond our congregation. Please note that it will take place in the sanctuary, following worship on Sunday 18 May.

This year we will hold a raffle (or "tombola") of the gifts offered by our community. Gifts could include outings for 4, meals for 4 or 6, beautiful art, homemade cakes and biscuits, etc. Raffle tickets (tombola tickets) will be on sale that day and on Sundays preceding. Tables will be set out with the raffle items on show.

Plan to attend – children are most welcome, and it is great fun! Please be thinking now about what items you might wish to donate. More information on the event and on the recipients of this year's Harvest funds will follow soon.

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CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMPO

SOCIAL STREET





10. TO 15. AUGUST 2025

Make music, sing, dance, act, paint, go hiking in the mountains near the chalet! We'll create a musical together!

Fr. **550**,- for transportation, food, accomodation and materials. Discount for siblings.

> Music director Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

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New Church School Time

For the remainder of the school year, church school for ages 3 to 12 will meet during a portion of the worship service (instead of at 10h00). Children 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.

Women's Circle Invitation - Next meeting on 19 April

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, 14 June. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Gladys Yegon, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office for more information.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen – 3 May

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 3 May 2025. It takes place from 8h30 until about 13h00 at Le Jardin de Montbrillant (Rue de Montbrillant 3) just behind Geneva Cornavin train station. All are welcome to sign up and help prepare and serve a warm meal. Contact the church office or Elisabeth Benn (chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch) for more information.

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 (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:

20 April – Group C 4 May – Group E 27 April – Group D 11 May – 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:

Thurs, 17 April	19h30	Worship on Maundy Thursday	
Fri, 18 April	19h30	Worship on Good Friday	
Sat, 19 April	10h00	Women's circle	
	20h30	Worship on Easter Eve	
Sun, 20 April	11h00	Worship on Easter Sunday	
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30			

Our church is entirely self-supporting. Our ministry is entirely funded by the contributions of members and friends of the congregation. There are three ways you can donate today:

By bank transfer: Using the banking app on your phone, scan one of the QR codes below:



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By cash: Place your contribution in the offering bags during worship.

By U.S. dollar check: Make the check payable to "Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," and on the memo portion, write "GMG 0858".

Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

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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