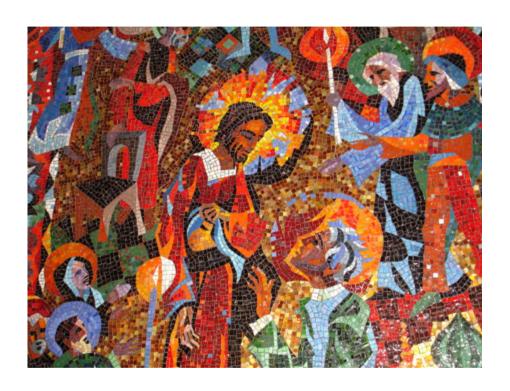
# **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA**

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00 27 APRIL 2025

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

# We are a community on the move, discovering Christ together on the journey of faith.

We see Christianity as a path to be walked together—learning, serving, praying, sharing, and growing alongside sisters and brothers. As we live and practice our faith, we not only encounter a new community; we also find the presence of God.

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:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Elaine Neuenfeldt

Violinist: Yanis Eberhart Prayer leader: Faith Fookes Reader: Cristina Rendón

Altar care: Seng Ra Marit, Benjamin Le Geyt

Assisting ministers: Wenona Christie Arndt, Clare Duran, Rumiko Jaussi,

Benjamin Le Geyt

Ushers: Dorine Van Teeseling, Jaap Schep Offering counters: Ngoni Hove, Sam Mungure

Church school: Pia Hannewald, Ewan Kit, Nanah Naing'olah, Jael Tan

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Second Sunday of Easter + 27 April 2024, 11h00 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Elaine Neuenfeldt

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia* 

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

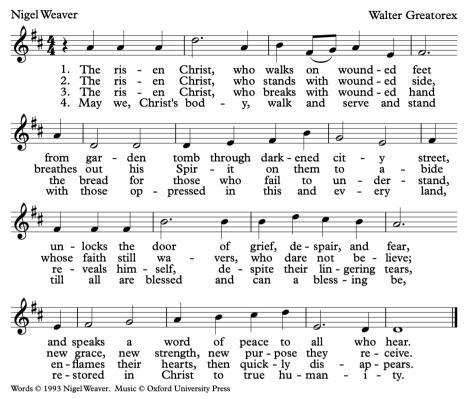
Greeting

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come. and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead. and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."



#### The risen Christ



## Gospel Reading

John 20:19-20

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

"Jesus came and stood among them"

Elaine Neuenfeldt

## Hymn

## O sons and daughters, let us sing

Jean Tisserand: France died 1494. English John Mason Neale

Paris 1623

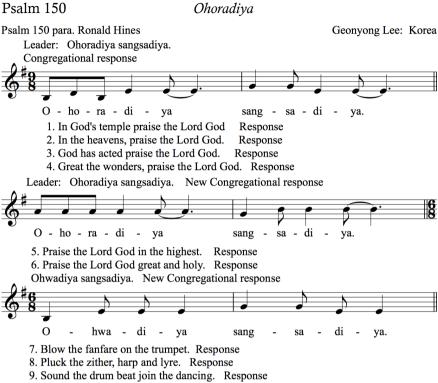


#### Acclamation

Even if we are locked in fear, the risen Christ is not shut out.
His presence becomes our hope, his word, the bond holding us together, his grace, the chance to try again, his peace the assurance he will not forsake us.

## Even if we are locked in fear. with Jesus we find the voice of praise

### Psalm 150



10. Strings and woodwinds offer praises. Response Ohwadiya sangsadiya. New Congregational response



- 11. Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling, ring out the finger bells. Response
- 12. Banging and clashing the cymbals and sounding gongs. Response Ohwadiya sangsadiya. New Congregational response. Repeated many times.





Then return to the beginning response one time.

Let everything that lives and breathes come and give praise to God the Lord.

### Prayer of the Day

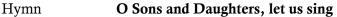
The Lord be with you, and also with you.

## Gospel Reading

John 20:21-23

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

"Receive the Holy Spirit" Elaine Neuenfeldt



verse 2



Baptism of Adrian Oskar Willis

#### Presentation

#### Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.* 

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.* 

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.* 

Do you believe in God, the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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 to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

Thanksgiving at the Font

**Baptism** 

Welcome

Sung Response



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But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

## "But" Elaine Neuenfeldt

Hymn O sons and daughters, let us sing

verse 3

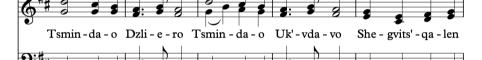
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### Prayer

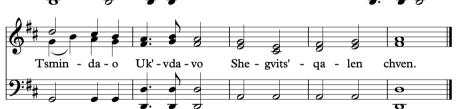
God of truth,
the deceptions invade us like an endless loop of doom scrolling.
How do we tell what is really from you and what is malign
manipulation?
We pray for discernment,
the search for the knowledge
that unlocks meaning, beauty and hope,
the touching of your wounds
that awakens us to wounds still needing your touch,
the embrace of your body
that transforms us into the embodiment of your love.
Grant us wisdom, so your truth changes our ways from death to life,
following Jesus Christ.
Amen.











Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Pronunciation

Tsmeen-dah-oh, Ghmer-toh. Tsmeen-dah-oh, Dzlee-é-roh. Tsmeen-dah-oh Uk'-vda-vo. Shé-gvits'-kah-lén tsshvén. The 'is a glottal stop.

### Gospel Reading

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

> "Put your finger here" Elaine Neuenfeldt

Hymn O Sons and Daughters, let us sing

verses 4-5

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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

Arcangelo Corelli – parts of Violin Sonata in D Major Op. 5 No. 1 Yanis Eberhart, violin & Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg, organ

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.





In the de-sert all - sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown. Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend. Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"





Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known. Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end. God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-ery-one!



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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





First time unison. Second time women start at the beginning while the men start at Part 2. Swedish, English and Music @ Per Harling, Sweden

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### Words of Institution

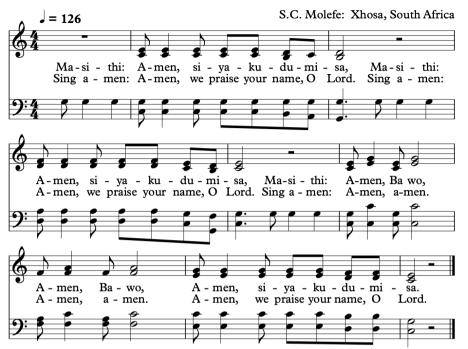
## Remembering

At this table we remember Jesus Christ, this bread, his body breaking through locked hearts, this wine, his blood, poured out that we might believe. We proclaim the mystery of our faith. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* 

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

#### Great Amen

#### Masithi



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## Lord's Prayer

in our many languages

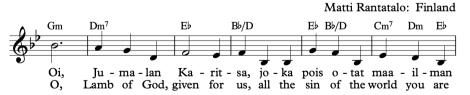
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

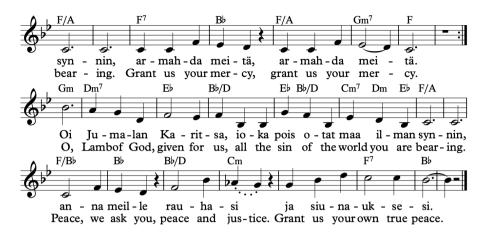
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## Agnus Dei

### Oi, Jumalan





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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.

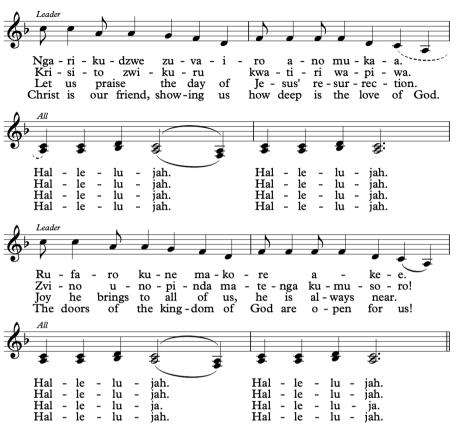
## Songs during Communion

#### Christ is risen from the dead



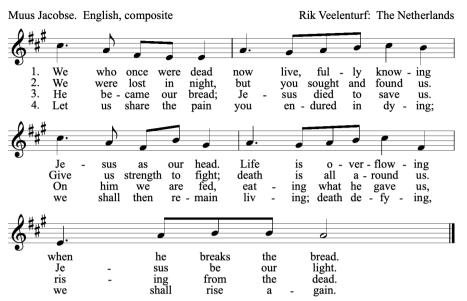
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#### We who once were dead



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5. Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living, made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead. 6. This is your design; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you. This shall be our sign.

## Gospel Reading

John 20:29-31

Jesus said to [Thomas], 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

"Through believing you may have life"
Elaine Neuenfeldt



Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

**Dismissal** 

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Next Sunday, 4 May - Worship at 17h30

On the first Sunday of each month, our congregation holds its worship service at 17h30 instead of 11h00. So please remember that next Sunday, 4 May, worship will take place in the evening. We hope to see you there. *Please note there is no church school this Sunday*.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## God Only Knows what we would be without ... MUSIC!

Saturday, June 14, 20:00h at the church – ELCG Quiz Night: NAME THAT TUNE! Bach or Bacharach? Genesis or The End? Mercedes Sosa or The Cars?

- nail-biting team rivalry
- ruthless jury
- special appearance DJs Breanna & Geoffrey
- live connection with Japanese hip-hop star
- sips and snacks

Sign up NOW and stay TUNED! Your ELCG Music Quiz Team

#### **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

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

4 May – Group E 18 May – Group B 12 May – Group C

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

#### 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: **10 May, 14 June.** Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Gladys Yegon, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office 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@genevalutheran.ch) to sign up or for more information.

#### This Week's Schedule:

Thurs, 1 May	19h30	Choir practice
Sat, 3 May	8h30	Soup kitchen
Sun, 4 May	17h30	Worship
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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