

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

1 JUNE 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 morning:

Prayer leader: Kiki Lawal

Reader: Clarissa Balan

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Gladys Kiptum, Ana Villanueva,
Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Jelimo Yegon

Usher: Johnny Camaddo

Offering counters: Fulata Moyo, Njoroge Njuguna

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Seventh Sunday of Easter + 1 June 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Angola, Mozambique*

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting

We sing the morning light.

We sing bright beginnings.

We sing endings bathed in the streams of healing grace.

We sing the days in between created with love, leading forward into life.

We sing the Lamb on the throne, who is the Alpha and the Omega.

We sing the One who was and who is and who is to come.

We sing the Spirit, who sets all peoples free.

We sing the one who came singing

so with every Amen and Alleluia our fears might fall away.

Hymn

He came singing love

While we sing, the children may go to church school

Colin A Gibson: Aoteroa/New Zealand

He came sing - ing love and he lived sing - ing love; he died sing - ing
love. He a - rose in si - lence. For the love to go on we must
make it our song; you and I be the sing - ers.

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2. *Faith* replaces *love*.

3. *Hope* replaces *love*.

3. *Peace* replaces *love*.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy Musician, whose song is life,
when the notes from our voices fall false,
and the tempos become un-synched with your pulse,
forgive us.

When the beats bounce and collide
so we fail to find each other in the noise,
forgive us.

When we get chained in a locked-in repetition of hurt and grief,
ring in us the chimes that heal,
so we might break free of the rhythms and rhymes holding us bound.
Let new amens arise,
so we sing what is trustworthy and true,
rejoicing in the gift of the Lamb on the throne, Jesus Christ.

Kyrie

Nkosi, Nkosi

$\text{♩} = 72$ G. M. Kolisi: South Africa

Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.
Lord have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.
Christ have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

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In 'ne-nce-ba' the middle syllable, 'nce,' is pronounced by making a 'tsch' sound that a mother uses to reprimand a child, with the addition of a nasalized beginning.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

A ivangeli ya famba

Xitswa, Mozambique

$\text{♩} = 126$
Leader

A i-va-nge-li ya fa-mba, a i-va-nge - li ya fa-mba,

People Ya fa-mba, ya fa-mba, ya fa-mba,

a i-va-nge-li ya fa-mba, yi ya ma - ti - kwe - nhi hi-nkwa-wo.

a i-va-nge-li ya fa-mba, yi ya ma - ti - kwe - nhi hi-nkwa-wo.

The Gospel is going, (going) all over the world.

The soloist then sings "We take it to Africa.

Then the names of other countries or continents can be used.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Come.

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

Come.

And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Xitswa "Hallelujah" song, Mozambique

English, Patrick Matsikenyiri

adapted by S.T. Kimbrough, Jr.

Mozambique

arranged by Patrick Matsikenyiri

Leader *All*

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal -

le - lu - jah! An - ga - ko - na wa - ku - fa - na - na na - ye.
There is no one who will ev - er be like him.

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Gospel

John 17:20-26

The Gospel according to John, chapter 17.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

You ask me

Danish Lisbeth Smedegaard Andersen.

Mads Granum: Denmark

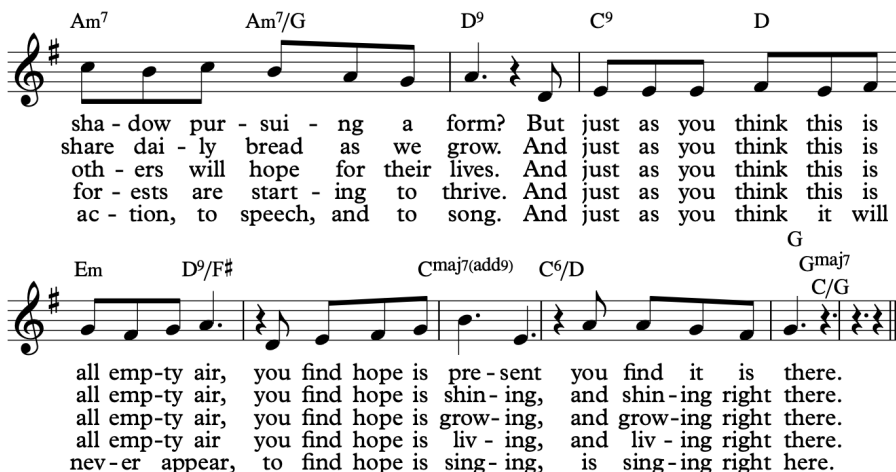
English Edward Broadbridge



1. You ask me, un - cer - tain what hope is, a long - ing, a spir - it, a
2. You find it on alt - ars and church - es; It burns with a flick - er - ing
3. It shines in the dark, you can grasp it; it turns in - to help that ar
4. The hun - gry are fed, and new bridg - es are built as the land comes a -
5. You ask me what I hope I won - der. God gave it to help us a -



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glow	on	ta -	bles	a -	round	which	we	ga -	ther	to
rives	in	plac -	es	where	peo -	ple	are	hop -	ing	that
live,	the	stone	field	re -	veals	a	green	shim -	mer	and
long:	a	yearn -	ing	in	hearts	that	are	dark -	ened	to



sha - dow pur - sui - ng a form? But just as you think this is
share dai - ly bread as we grow. And just as you think this is
oth - ers will hope for their lives. And just as you think this is
for - ests are start - ing to thrive. And just as you think this is
ac - tion, to speech, and to song. And just as you think it will

all emp - ty air, you find hope is pre - sent you find it is there.
all emp - ty air, you find hope is shin - ing, and shin - ing right there.
all emp - ty air, you find hope is grow - ing, and grow - ing right there.
all emp - ty air, you find hope is liv - ing, and liv - ing right there.
nev - er appear, to find hope is sing - ing, is sing - ing right here.

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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.

Peace

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Gathering of Gifts

Easter Hallelujah

Kelly Mooney, text / Leonard Cohen, music

Holly Davie, solo

A crown of thorns placed on his head, he knew that he would soon be dead.

He said, "Did you forget me Father, did you?"

*They nailed him to a wooden cross, soon all the world would feel the loss
of Christ the king before his Hallelujah.*

*He hung his head and prepared to die, then lifted his face up to the sky,
said, "I am coming home now, Father, to you."*

*A reed which held his final sip was gently lifted to his lips,
he drank his last and gave his soul to glory.*

*The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord
said, "Truly this is Jesus Christ our savior."*

*He looked with fear upon his sword then turned to face his Christ and Lord
fell to his knees crying "Hallelujah."*

*Took from his head the thorny crown and wrapped him in a linen gown
and laid him down to rest inside the tomb.*

*The holes in his hands, his feet and side, now in our hearts we know he died
to save us from ourselves, oh hallelujah.*

*Three days went by, again they came to move the stone to bless the slain,
with oil and spice anointing hallelujah.*

*But as they went to move the stone, they saw that they were not alone,
but Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah.*

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Offertory

Reamo leboga

As taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe: Botswana

Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God,

re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
we give our thanks to God, we give thanks to our God.

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2. Ga a yo yo tshwa - nang le - we - na
3. Re - pho - lo si - tswe ke - we - na

2. There is no one like Him. (3x) There's no one like our God.
3. We have been saved by Him. (3x) We've been saved by our God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

Preface

You are holy

Samba

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

At this table we remember Jesus Christ.
With this bread we become the one body of Christ.
With this wine, we become the church of his salvation
poured out for the whole world.
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

Oi, Jumalan

Matti Rantatalo: Finland

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the world you are
syn - nin, ar - mah - da mei - tä, ar - mah - da mei - tä.
bear - ing. Grant us your mer - cy, grant us your mer - cy.
Oi Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa il - man syn - nin,
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the world you are bear - ing.
an - na meil - le rau - ha - si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
Peace, we ask you, peace and jus - tice. Grant us your own true peace.

Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

One bread, one body

John Foley SJ: USA

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all;
one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and we, though
man - y through - out the earth, we are one
bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew,
2. Man - y the gifts,
3. Grain for the fields
4. Fruit of the vine,

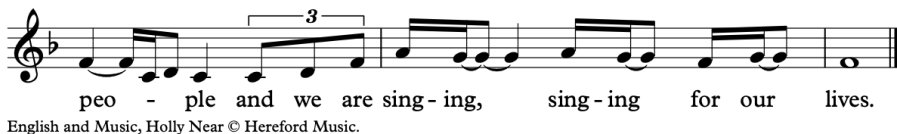
ser - vant or free, wo - man or man no more.
man - y the works, one in the Lord of all.
scat - tered and grown, gath - ered to one for all.
gath - ered and crushed, poured out and blest for all.

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We are gentle angry people

Holly Near: USA

1. We are gen - tle an - gry peo - ple and we are
sing - ing, sing - ing for our lives. We are gen - tle an - gry



2. We are a justice seeking people.
3. We are young and old together.

4. We are a church of many colors.
5. We are gay and straight together.
6. We are gentle, loving people.

Sing, sing a song

Joe Raposo

Sing, sing a song. Sing out loud. Sing out strong. Sing of good things not bad. Sing of hap - py not sad. Sing, sing a song. Make it sim - ple to last your whole life long. Don't wor - ry that it's not good e - nough for a - ny - one else to hear. Sing, sing a song. La. Sing, sing a song. Let the world sing a - long.

Ebmaj7 Bbmaj7 Am7(b5) D7 Gm7 C9 Cm7
 Sing of love there could be. Sing for you and for me.

F7 Bb G7 Cm7 F7 Bb Bbmaj7 Bb6
 Sing, sing a song. Make it sim-ple to last your whole life

Fm7/Bb Bb7 Fm7/Bb Bb7 Ebmaj7 Am7(b5) D7
 long. Don't wor - ry that it's not good e - nough for

Gm7 C9 Cm7 F7 Bbmaj7
 a - ny - one else to hear. Sing, sing a song.

Cm7 F7 Bb Bbmaj7 Ebmaj7
 La

Bb Bbmaj7 Ebmaj7
 (La)

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Sending Forth

Sending Song

Oh Sautez

Francisco Kapalu Ngongo: Angola

1. Oh sau - tez sau - tez. Oh dan - sez, dan - sez.
2. Oh dan - sez la joie. Oh chan - tez la gloire.

Oh sau - tez sau - tez. Jé - sus il est le roi des rois.
 Oh dan - sez la joie. Jé - sus il est le roi des rois.

Oh sau - tez sau - tez. Oh dan - sez, dan - sez.
 Oh dan - sez la joie. Oh chan - tez la gloire.

Oh sau - tez, sau - tez. Jé - sus il est le roi des rois.
 Oh dan - sez la joie. Jé - sus il est le roi des rois.

Final Leader Spoken in rhythm

*Sautez sautez, sautez **Sautez,** Dansez, dansez, **Dansez.***

A - lé - lu - ia A - lé - lu - ia A - lé - lu - ia.
 People A - men. A - men. jah!

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June, July, and August – Worship at 11h00 Every Sunday

During the months of June, July, and August, our congregation will worship at 11h00 every Sunday (including the first Sunday of each month). So please note that on 1 June, 6 July, and 3 August, worship will take place at 11h00, not in the evening.

Children's Choir – 7, 21 and 22 June

On two Saturdays 7 and 21 June, 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 22 June. Kids of all ages are welcome! Contact Katharina with any questions: katharina@genevalutheran.ch

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
- dazzling disco lights
- ruthless jury
- special appearance DJs Gareth and Geoffrey
- live connection with Japanese hip-hop star
- sips and snacks



Sign up NOW (so we can plan ... thank you!) and stay TUNED!

Your ELCG Music Quiz Team

Ignatian Way – Daylong Retreat on 14 June

An Ignatian Way Day offers a chance to 'catch one's spiritual breath' in today's hectic world, a pause to open to silence, with time for personal reflection on one's life in the light of scripture and group sharing on related questions.

When: Saturday 14 June, 9h00-17h00

Where: Ecumenical Institute - Chateau de Bossey, 1298 Céligny

Cost: CHF 55 (includes lunch and a mid-morning coffee/tea with croissant)

Registration: Contact Patricia Laurie: vervel10@gmail.com / +33 6 85 39 15 66

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: **14 June, 12 July**. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office for more information.

Looking for Musicians in Worship this Summer

Warm up your voices and tune your instruments! As the choir takes a break during the summer holidays, you are invited to sing or play one of your preferred pieces of music during the offertory in worship. If you'd like to play on one of the Sundays, between 29 June to 7 September, please put your name on the sign up sheet or contact Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg.

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:

8 June – Group E	15 June – Group A
22 June – Group B	29 June – Group C

*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:

Tue, 3 June	19h00	Prayer group
Thurs, 5 June	19h30	Choir practice
Sat, 7 June	10h00	Children's choir practice
	17h00	Young adults
Sun, 8 June	11h00	Worship and church school
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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