

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

EASTER DAY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

5 APRIL 2026

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a home away-from-home,
with people from different places becoming sisters and brothers in Christ.
Our members come from 40 countries and six continents. Some are in Geneva for
decades, others for only a few months. All help the parish to be a community of
shared beliefs, experiences and concerns. Opportunities for fellowship, spiritual
growth and recreation bring families, friends and acquaintances together. Such
bonds are precious in a city of so many welcomes and farewells.*

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Faith Fookes

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Assisting ministers: Wenona Christie, Clare Duran, Maritza Vitela,
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The Resurrection of Our Lord + 5 April 2026, 11h00
Easter Day

The Sound of Faith
Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

*Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro,
North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia*

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*rise*)

On Easter day, all sounds are summoned into Alleluia,
all cries, all protests, all laughter, all leaps and dances,
because praising the God of love
raises in us new hope,
and we imagine angels,
even when we fear the dankest tombs,
announcing in the new morning light that Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today

Charles Wesley: England

Lyra Davidica

1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
 3. Let the Vic-tor's peo-ple sing,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Earth and heaven in cho-rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat-tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head,

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for-bids Christ rise,
 Dy-ing once, Christ lives to save,
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise,

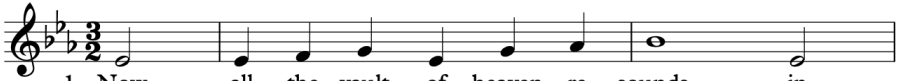
Sing, ye heavens, and earth re-ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o-pened par-a-dise,
 Where your vic-to-ry, O grave?
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn of Praise **Now all the vault of heaven resounds**

Paul Z. Strodach

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln 1623, Germany



1. Now all the vault of heaven re - sounds in
2. E - ter - nal is the gift he brings. There -
3. O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set
4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring, and



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
heart and will on things a - bove that we
with the heaven - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed!" He is liv - ing!" Sing,
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be



choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re -
still he comes to give us life, and
grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that
to the Fa - ther and our Lord, to



peat their song of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is
by his pre - sence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is
by our lives we tru - ly say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is
Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er



liv - ing! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
liv - ing!
liv - ing!"
end - ing!

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

First Reading (*sit*)

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from Psalm 118

O give thanks to God who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Alleluia

C-17

Let Israel say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever."

Alleluia

C-17

Let those who fear the Lord say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever."

Alleluia

C-17

In distress I called to the Lord,
who answered by setting me free.
The Lord is with me; I shall not fear;
what can anyone do to me?

Alleluia

C-17

The Lord is with me as my helper;
I will look in triumph on those who hate me.
God is my strength and my song;
and has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Alleluia

C-9 refrain

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks.
This is the gate of the Lord
the righteous shall enter through it.

Alleluia

C-9 refrain

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 God's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day when God has acted;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia

C-9 refrain

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When

Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*rise*)

C-4
Serbian Orthodox

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 20:1-18

The holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Alleluia
Sung slowly and softly

C-4

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the

other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Alleluia **C-4**
With joyous surprise

Sermon (*sit*) Andy Willis

Hymn (*rise*) **A toi la gloire** **G-4**

Apostles' Creed **A-1**

Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace


Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.


*People rejoice, all nations listen:
 refrain: Christ God is risen! Hristos voskrese.
 Dance all ye stars and sing all ye mountains:
 Whisper ye woods and blow all ye winds:
 O seas proclaim and roar all ye beasts:
 Buzz all ye bees and sing all ye birds:
 O little lambs rejoice and be merry:
 Nightingales joyous lending your song:
 Ring, O ye bells, let ev'ryone hear:
 All angels join us, singing this song:
 Come down ye heavens, draw near the earth:
 Glory to Thee, God Almighty.*

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Offering

Urunk hála, hogy Te táplálsz

D-2

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Pastor</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">The Lord be with you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>People</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">And al - so with you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Pastor</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>People</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">We lift them to the Lord.</p>



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

Preface

For your creating light and life,

Alleluia.

For your breathing into each person your spirit, your image,

Alleluia.

For your gift of freedom, ending all slaveries,

drowning them in the embracing seas of your mercy,

Alleluia.

For your word ringing out justice and promising a rebirth of love,

Alleluia.

For the gift of Jesus Christ, your presence in our midst,

full of grace and truth,

Alleluia.

So with Mary Magdalene, the first apostle of the resurrection,
with Peter and John, with the church in every corner of the earth,
and all the angels and saints in heaven,
we join the unending hymn of praise.

Sanctus

You are holy

E-1

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

. . . We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Sung Amen

Masithi

F-30

Lord's Prayer *in our many languages* **A-3**

Agnus Dei **Oi, Jumalan Karitsa** **E-2**

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.

Songs during Communion

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah **C-11**

Halle, hallelujah **C-5**

Halle, hallelujah **C-19**

O Mary, don't you weep, don't you mourn

Refrain

African-American spiritual arr. by William Farley Smith

O Ma - ry don't you weep, don't you mourn, O Ma - ry don't you

weep, don't you mourn, Pha - roah's ar - my got drown - ded,

O Ma - ry don't you weep.

1. One of these morn - ings
2. When I get to heav - en gon - na
3. When I get to heav - en goin' a

bright and fair, goin' a take my wings and cleave the air;
sing and shout, ain't no-bod - y there gon-na turn me out;
put on my shoes, goin' a run a - bout and spread the news;

All
Pha-roah's ar - my got drown - ded, O Ma - ry don't you weep.

Mfurahini Haleluya



1. M - fu - ra - hi - ni, Ha - le - lu - ya M - ko - mbo -
 1. He has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
 2. For three long days the grave did its worst, un - til its
 3. The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear, you look for
 4. "Go spread the news, he's not in the grave. He has a -



zi a - me - fu - fu - ka. A - me - fu - fu - ka, Ha - le - lu -
 praise him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did death un - der
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the tomb is all
 ris - en us all to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are



ya, M - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 tomb, e - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 go, and in its con - quest his might did show.
 bare; on - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni. Ka - shi - nda ki - fo,
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sins for - giv - ing,



Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing: Al - le - lu - ia.

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2. A-me-fu-fu-ka M-ko-mbo-zi, Ha-le-lu-ya, tu-sha-ngi-li-e.
 Ngu-vu za mwo-vu a-me-shi-nda. A-me-tu-on-do-a ku-fa-ni.

3. Ma-la-i-ka a-li-waa-mpi-a Wa-na-wa-ke, «M-si-o-go-pe.
 Sa-sa ka-bu-ri li-po tu-pu, Kwa-ni Ye-su a-me-fu-fu-ka.»

4. «A-me-ba-ti-li-sha She-ta-ni. A-me-wal-le-te-a wo-ko-vu.
 Kwa hi-yo ni-nyi m-ta-nga-ze, Ni ha-ki-ka, Ye-su yu ha-i.»

Sending Forth
Benediction
Introduction of Visitors and Announcements (*sit*)
Dismissal

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Festival – Sunday 26 April

This year's Harvest Festival is fast approaching! This is an important annual fund-raiser supporting ministries and organizations beyond our church. It will take place following worship on Sunday 26 April. Half of the proceeds will go to AGORA, a ministry of local churches accompanying asylum seekers and refugees in Geneva, and half will go to a project of the Lutheran World Federation in Ethiopia, caring for and equipping survivors of gender-based violence in Tigray.

We will have a fun raffle using the gifts you offer. These gifts could include, for example, accompanied outings, meals for 4 or 6, beautiful art, home-made cakes and biscuits. We will start selling the raffle tickets soon. If you know you will not be present but wish to participate in supporting the projects, you are invited to donate to the church by bank transfer or Twint, mentioning "HARVEST 2026". It is alright to bring your gift on the day of the Festival, but we strongly encourage you to let Hiromi (h.yano.gva@gmail.com) know in advance if you have gifts to be placed for auctioning. And please do plan to attend – children are most welcome. It is great fun!

Serving at the Soup Kitchen – 25 April

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 25 April. It takes place from 8h00 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.

Prayer Group – Meeting 7 April

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 April. Please contact Kiki Lawal to receive the Zoom link or if you have or prayer requests you'd like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events:

Tues, 7 Apr	19h00	Prayer Group
Sun, 12 Apr	11h00	Worship on Second Sunday of Easter, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mtata preaching
	13h00	Teen’s gathering

Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30

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