

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THE THREE DAYS



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

2-4 APRIL 2026

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Thank you for joining us for worship this Holy Week.

The services of these Three Days are really a single experience of worship, following Jesus's last night with his disciples, his betrayal, crucifixion, and death, and his resurrection. You will find materials for each service in this single bulletin:

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Throughout this Lent, we have been listening to "sounds of faith"—allowing various sounds to animate and enliven familiar scripture readings. We'll continue that pattern these Three Days.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week, we are praying for the people and churches of the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

Once again, thank you for worshipping with us this week as we tell the central story of our faith together.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

2 April, 19h30

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*rise*)

The sound of resistance,
singing compassion and peace,
the sound of the wind,
blowing with the Spirit, life eternal,
the sound of water,
washing us clean all over,
the sound of questions,
opening our eyes and ears to new horizons,
the sound of stones rolling away,
promising possibilities beyond the grave,
the sound of waving palms,
leading us to the entry of hope and justice:
the sounds of faith have gathered us in
so we might sing love songs,
praising the Creator of love, the Incarnation of love,
the Breath of love,
now and ever.

Hymn

Great God, your love has called us here

Brian Wren

Norman Cocker: England



1. Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2. We come with self in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made, your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by powers and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hum - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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Call to Prayer (*sit*)

Silent Prayer of Confession

Individual Absolution

You are invited to come and kneel or stand around the altar. A pastor will lay hands on you and say, "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins." You respond: "Amen," and return to your seat.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise (*rise*)

When twilight comes

G-19

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

from Psalm 116 (*sit*)

I love the Lord who has heard my voice
and listened to my supplication,
for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocents;
I was brought low and God saved me.

How can I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?

I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.

O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant,

the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the Lord's house
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation (*rise*)

Where charity and love prevail

verse 1

Ubi caritas et amor, 9th century. English Omer Westendorf

Paul Benoit



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

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Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. It was before the feast of the Passover, when they were seated at supper, Jesus rose from the table, and poured water into a basin, and began to wash his disciples feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him: 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have

washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. What I just did was to give you an example. As I have done, so also you must do. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. . .

'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **Where charity and love prevail** **verse 2**

Ubi caritas et amor, 9th century. English Omer Westendorf Paul Benoit



2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true char - i - ty we learn;



let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.

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Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

Ubi caritas et amor, 9th century. English Omer Westendorf

Paul Benoit,



3. For-give we now each oth-er's faults as we our faults con-fess;
 4. Let strife a-mong us be un-known, let all con-ten-tion cease;
 5. Let us re-call that in our midst dwells God's be-got-ten Son;
 6. Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon-ored be God's name;



and let us love each oth-er well in Chris-tian ho-li-ness.
 be Christ the glo-ry that we seek, be ours Christ's ho-ly peace.
 as mem-bers of his bod-y joined, we are in Christ made one.
 our com-on life em-brac-es all whose Ma-ker is the same.

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Introduction and Prayer (*sit*)

Footwashing

You are invited to take off your shoes and socks and come to the center to take a towel. Put it on your arm and proceed to wash someone's feet. Dry them with the towel and place it in the basket. Then you sit in the chair waiting for someone to wash your feet.

Alternately, you might prefer to have your hands washed and dried instead. Take off your shoes and come to the center to take a towel. Put it on your arm and proceed to wash someone's hands. Dry them with the towel and place it in the basket. Then stand waiting at the basin for someone to wash your hands.

While waiting you might pray for those who are having their feet or hands washed or for those serving.

Affirmation of Faith (*rise*)

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.*

Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace (*rise*)

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

Gathering of Gifts (*sit*)

Ubi caritas

Choir

Latin, Paulinus II of Aquileia (726-802 or 804).

Music by Carlota Ferrari: Italy

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Offering (*rise*)

Kiedy ranne wstaja zorze

Fr. Karpinski

T. Kiewicz: Poland

1. Kie - dy ran - ne wsta - ja zo - rze, To - bie zie - mia,
 1. In the dis - tance day is break - ing, earth and sea a
 2. Lord, be - fore you I am stand - ing, your hand grasp - ing,
 3. Friends who walk with us no long - er, held by death, yet

To - bie mo - rze, To - bie śpie wa,
 glad sound mak - ing, All cre - a - tion
 love a - dor - ing, your own dwell - ing
 love is strong - er. Day dawns bright, new

ży wioł wszel - ki, bądź po - chwa - lon, Bo - że wiel - ki!
 joined in sing - ing, God, to you, praise and thanks bring - ing.
 I will en - ter, you, my God, my own life's cen - tre.
 hope ex - tend - ing, thanks to God in praise un - end - ing.

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy is Jesus Christ,

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:24-26

Remembering

. . . 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

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 **Listen, listen**

Bret Hesla: USA



1. Lis - ten, lis - ten. Be o - pen, O my heart.
 2. Watch - ing, watch - ing.
 3. Wait - ing, wait - ing.
 4. Ev - er, mind - ful.
 5. Love is call - ing.
 6. In the mo - ment.

English and Music Bret Hesla, bret.hesla@gmail.com

Jesu, Jesu

F-10

Ubi caritas

F-23

Stripping of the Altar (*sit*)

from Psalm 22

GOOD FRIDAY

3 April, 19h30

Welcome

Prelude

Mache dich, mein Herze, rein

German text: Picander / Music: St. Matthew Passion by J.S. Bach BWV 244

Baritone: Yanis Eberhart

*Mache dich, mein Herze, rein,
Ich will Jesum selbst begraben.*

*Make yourself pure [of sin], my heart;
I myself want to bury Jesus [inside my
heart, as his grave].*

*Denn er soll nunmehr in mir
Für und für*

*For in me is he now,
Ever and ever,*

Seine süsse Ruhe haben.

To have his sweet rest.

Welt, geh aus, lass Jesum ein!

World, get out [of my heart]; let Jesus in!

Greeting (*rise*)

The sound of faith echoes strange this night:

cries widening into wails,

a question's urgent ascent becoming a squall,

the forces of power hammering away,

a song succumbing to pain's demands,

until voices, strained and exhausted, cease.

Still, the words of the ancient story refuse to fade,

even as they process toward an unnerving silence,

where in the bleakest darkness

the love of God is revealed.

The palms that once waved victory,

sigh with the dying of Christ who forgives, frees, heals.

Hymn

My song is love unknown

Samuel Crossman, alt.

John Ireland: England

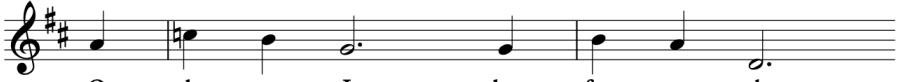


1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2. Christ came from heav - en's throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing,
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
5. In life no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have;
6. Here might I stay and sing - no sto - ry so di - vine!

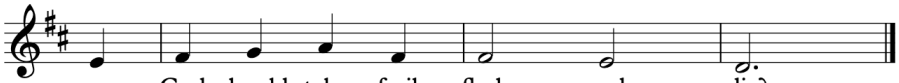


love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but peo - ple scorned and none the longed - for Christ would know.
 re - sound - ing all the way ho - san - nas to their King.

He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
 in death no friend - ly tomb, but what a strang - er gave.
 Nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine.



O who am I, that for my sake
 But O my friend, my friend in - deed,
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 What may I say? Heaven was his home
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my God should take frail flesh and die?
 who at my need his life did spend!
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 but mine the tomb where - in he lay.
 I all my days could glad - ly spend!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (*sit*)

from Isaiah 52:13—53:12

See, my servant shall prosper;
 he shall be exalted and lifted up,
 and shall be very high.

My servant shall be exalted and lifted up very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him
 —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
 and his form beyond that of mortals—
 so he shall startle many nations;
 kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
 for that which had not been told them they shall see,
 and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
 Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
He did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

prosper

Out of his anguish he shall see light;

light

he shall find satisfaction

satisfaction

through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

with the great

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

with the strong

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Introduction and Prayer

The Passion of Jesus Christ According to Matthew

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 26:17-30

Hymn

Go to dark Gethsemane

James Montgomery

Richard Redhead: England

1. Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, you who feel the
 2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; beat - en, bound, re -
 3. Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb there, a - do - ring
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

temp - ter's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 viled, ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark the mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fi - nished!"
 Who hath tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 hear the cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes: Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Matthew 26:31-44

Interspersed with verses of the following anthem

Anthem

In quiet night

Choir

Melody: anonymous (1649) Setting: Christoph Dalitz (2019)

English: Christoph Dalitz & Terry MacArthur (2019)

after Friedrich Spee (1649)

- 1. In quiet night before the light, a voice was heard lamenting
I took regard of every word it spoke in self-tormenting.*
- 2. It was our Lord, the Son of God, his hidden face all gritty,
his lips drawn tight, so gaunt with fright that even stones felt pity.*
- 3. Oh, Father, dear, behold and hear: my soul is full of sorrow.
The hour is drear, so full of fear of what shall come tomorrow.*
- 4. If it may be, please keep from me this bitter cup of passion.
Not what I will, but what you will, whatever next should happen.*
- 5. The silver moon is passing soon, but sorrow's far from sleeping.
The shadowed stars are cast afar to join the poor soul weeping.*
- 6. No chant of birds, no sound of herds is heard to greet the morning.
The beasts struck still, with silence shrill, invoke their deepest mourning.*

Invitation to Pray

This is the first invitation to pray. There will be two more.

*You take a palm branch and move to where you will add it to the cross. Then
pray for a moment with the palm and place it so it becomes part of the cross.*

Matthew 26:45-63a

Invitation to Pray

*This is the second invitation to pray. There will be one more.
You take a palm branch and move to where you will add it to the cross. Then
pray for a moment with the palm and place it so it becomes part of the cross.*

Solo *He never said a mumbalin' word
African-American spiritual
Sung while people come to pray*

*They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word.*

Matthew 26:63b—27:10

Hymn

In the hour of trial

verse 1

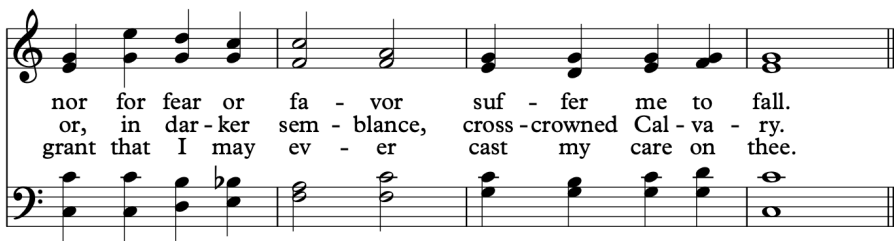
James Montgomery

Spencer Lane

1. In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
2. With for - bid - den pleas - ures would this vain world charm,
3. Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,

lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
or its sor - did treas - ures spread to work me harm,
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,

When thou seest me wav - er, with a look re - call,
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor for fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.
 or, in dar - ker sem - blance, cross - crowned Cal - va - ry.
 grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

Silence

Hymn

In the hour of trial

Verses 2 and 3

Matthew 27:11-44

Invitation to Pray

This is the last invitation to pray. You take a palm branch and move to where you will add it to the cross. Then pray for a moment with the palm and place it so it becomes part of the cross.

Matthew 27:45-56

In silence you are invited to process outside, through the Gemeinderaum, then down to the Cave. Those who struggle with stairs can wait at the top of the entrance on the Rue de la Fontaine and look in from there.

Matthew 27:57-60a

in the cave

Song

Were you there

Hummed at first

Matthew 27:60b-61

Song

Were you there

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (3x)
 Oh Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Where you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

Matthew 27:62-66

VIGIL OF EASTER

4 April, 20h30

Greeting

Prayer

Procession



The light of Christ ***Thanks be to God.***

The Easter Proclamation

Soloist: Natalie Deffenbaugh

Introduction to the Readings (*sit*)

First Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:3

Song

God the sculptor of the mountains

verses 1-3

John Thornburg

Amanda Husberg: USA

1. God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains,
 2. God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh,
 3. God the dres - ser of the vine - yard,
 4. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant,

God the mil - ler of the sand,
 God the cleav - er of the sea,
 God the plant - er of the wheat,
 God the calm, de - ter - mined youth,

God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,
 God the pil - lar of the dark - ness,
 God the reap - er of the har - vest,
 God the ta - ble - turn - ing pro - phet,

God the pot - ter of the land: you are womb of all cre -
 God the bea - con of the free: you are fount of all de -
 God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev - ery
 God the re - sur - rect - ed truth: you are pre - sent ev - ry

a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
 liv - erance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
 ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

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Prayer

Sung Response

God the sculptor of the mountains

verse 4

Second Reading

Exodus 14:10—15:1

Leader

Oh, free - dom, Oh, free - dom, Oh,
 (know) Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is
Refrain
 free - dom. Oh yes, I know
 com - ing. Free-dom is com-ing. Oh yes, I know
 Oh yes, I know. Oh yes, I know.
 Oh yes, I know. Oh yes, I know.
 (Oh,)
 Free - dom is com - ing. Oh yes, I

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2. Justice is coming. 3. Jesus is coming.

Prayer

Sung Response

Freedom is coming

Third Reading

from Isaiah 55

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

come

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

come to me

listen, so that you may live.

listen

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

seek

call upon him while he is near;

call

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord,

return to the Lord,

that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

Water in the snow

verses 1-5

Brian Wren, USA

Saya Ojiri, Japan



1. Wa - ter in the snow: the moun - tains spar - kle white;
2. Wa - ter in the rain: the wheat is grow - ing tall;
3. Wa - ter in the ground: where earth is cracked and dry,
4. Wa - ter from the stream: the tap runs fresh and clear;
5. Wa - ter fills the dam: it tum - bles with a roar,



the muf - fled trees bow low, bur - dened with light.
 the fields are packed with grain - plen - ty for all.
 down deep the well has found am - ple sup - ply.
 the clothes, now washed and clean, blow in the air.
 and makes the tur - bines hum, throb - bing with power.

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6. Water in the sea: the trawling nets unfurl;
 the oyster in the deep treasures its pearl.

7. Water gives us life, and beauty, power and food.
 Praise God, whose life and love makes all things good.

Prayer

Sung Response

Water in the snow

verses 6-7

Fourth Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Song

You raise me up

Brendan Graham: Ireland

Rolf Løvland: Norway

When I am down and, oh my soul, so wea - ry;
 There is no life, no with - out its hun - ger;
 when trou - bles come and my heart bur - dened be;
 each rest - less heart beats so im - per - fect - ly;
 then, I am still and wait here in the si - lence,
 but when you come and I am filled with won - der,
 un - til you come and sit a - while with me.
 some - times, I think I glimpse e - ter - ni - ty.

Refrain
 You raise me up, so I can stand on moun - tains; you raise me
 up, to walk on stor - my seas; I am strong, when I am on your
 shoul - ders; you raise me up to more than I can be.

Guitar chords: D, G/D, D, D/F#, G, A, Bm, G, D, Bm, D/A, A, D, Bm, G, D/F#, A, D, G, D/F#, A, D.

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Prayer

Sung Response

You raise me up

refrain

Fifth Reading

Zephaniah 3:11-20

Prayer

Hymn

We know that Christ is raised

John Brownlow Geyer based on Romans 6:3-11

Charles Villiers Stanford: U.K.



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, and our de-
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life, as liv - ing
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized, we
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The un - i -



spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
 mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 live with God the Three in One.
 verse re - stored and whole will sing:

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Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 28.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon (sit)

Andy Willis

Hymn (*rise*) **Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**

Deutsch, Michael Weisse. English, Cyril A. Alington

Melchoir Vulpus



1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2. The Lord of life is risen this day; bring flowers of
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring;
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

God, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Easter Greeting

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

Gathering of Gifts

Regine Kummer

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Maundy Thursday

Reader: Nina Kiderlin

Prayer leader: Maureen Gumbe

Greeters: Talsma family

*Assisting ministers: Marc de Chassey, Clare Duran,
Anupama Hial, Nyambura Njoroge*

Altar care: Wenona Christie, Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Offering counters: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti, Njoroge Njuguna

Good Friday

*Readers: Filipa de Chassey, Clare Duran, Maureen Gumbe,
Kiki Lawal, Arnav Suna*

Greeters: May Chin Long, Seng Ra Marit

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Vigil of Easter

Guest musician: Regine Kummer

*Readers: Clare Duran, Yanis Eberhart, Nina Kiderlin, Sivin Kit,
Kiki Lawal, Fulata Moyo, Ritu Suna*

Prayer leader: Fulata Moyo

Greeters: Ben, Nico, and Natalya Le Geyt

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Altar care: Clare Duran

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Communion bread: Valerie Marinoni

Thank you to all assisting in worship these days!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter and Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, 2 April: Worship at 19h30 – We remember Jesus's last night with his disciples by sharing Communion and washing one another's feet.

Good Friday, 3 April: Worship at 19h30 – We tell the story of Jesus's betrayal and death.

Easter Eve, 4 April: Worship at 20h30 – We share stories of God's deliverance, proclaim the good news of the resurrection, and conclude worship with a feast. Bring food to share!

Easter Day, 5 April: Worship at 11h00 – We continue the celebration of Easter with a bright and festive service.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 26 April

The Harvest Festival is fast approaching! This is an important annual event, raising funds for churches and organizations beyond our congregation.

This year's event will take place in the sanctuary, following worship on Sunday 26 April. Please mark your calendars now, and plan to attend! More details will follow soon.

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.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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Upcoming Events:

Thurs, 2 Apr	19h30	Worship on Maundy Thursday
Fri, 3 Apr	19h30	Worship on Good Friday
Sat, 4 Apr	20h30	Worship on Easter Eve
Sun, 5 Apr	11h00	Worship on Easter Sunday

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

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