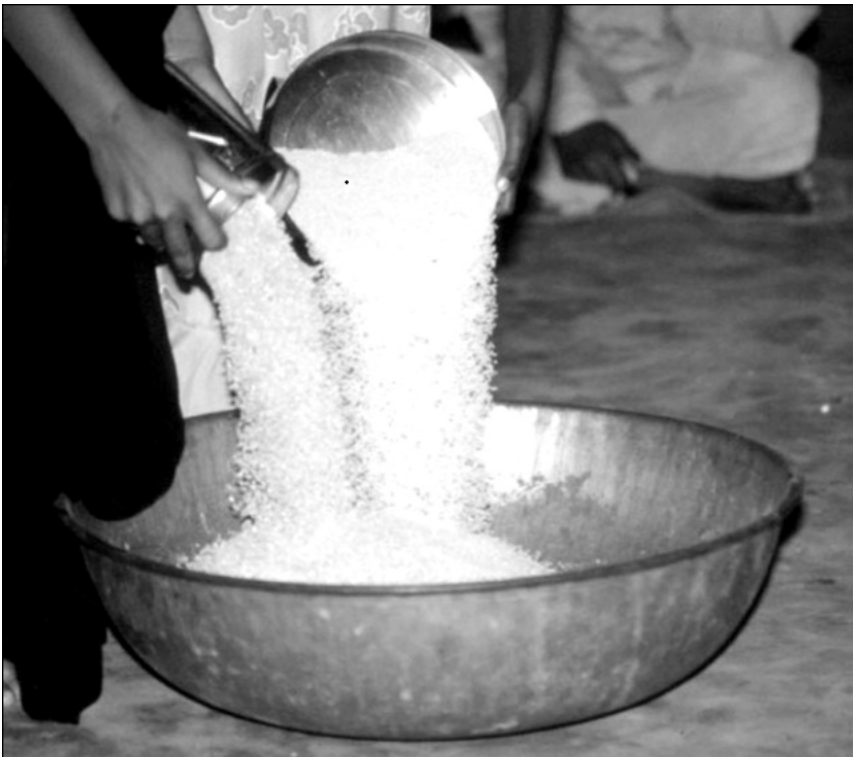
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00
15 NOVEMBER 2026

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.

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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:
Prayer leaders: Erica Allis, Asha Simpson
Readers: Kim Avafia, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, Aaltje Jeanne Tampi Legoh
Altar care: Clare Duran, Katrin Hafstein
Assisting ministers: Queen King'ori, Vivien Liu, Grace Mgheni
Ushers: Marit Bauer-Moore, Bethany Rosenkrans, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi
Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Sam Mungure
Church School: Tim Fieldsend, May Chin Long, Grete Willis
Flowers: Kiki Lawal
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Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Anupama Hial
Guest Presider: Rev. Sarah Stephens

Thy Kingdom Come!
Stewardship for 2027

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:
Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia

Welcome

Prelude Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting *(rise)*

We are gathered by our Creator,
our refuge from one generation to another,
eternally mothering,
clothing the lilies, guarding the sparrows,
and numbering the hairs on our head.
We are embraced in the arms of Jesus Christ,
by whom we are dressed in compassion and grace.
We are filled with the Holy Spirit,
who teaches us to number our days
so we overflow with hymns of praise.

Hymn **Son of God, whose heart is peace**

During the last verse, the children may go to church school

Traditional para. Shirley Murray Maori traditional melody: Aotearoa/New Zealand



2. Murua ra nga hara: / Wetekina mai, / Enei here kino, / Whakararu nei.
3. Homai he aroha / Mou i mate nei / Tenei ra, e lhu / Takina e koe.

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Psalm 90:1-6, 10-12 *(sit)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty,
if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

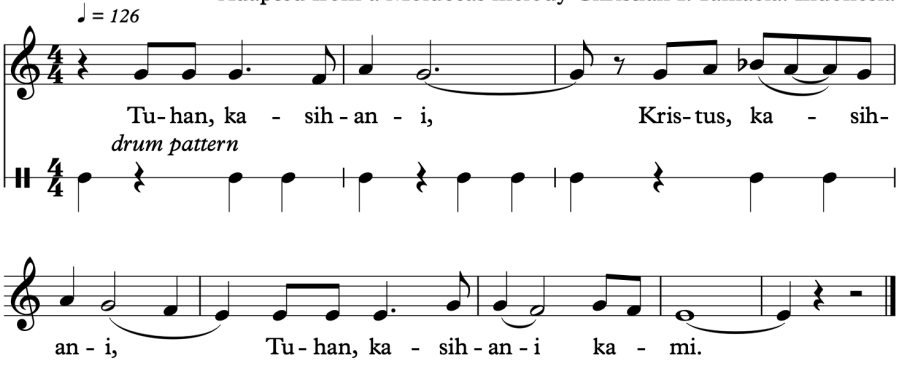
Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Teach us to count our days, God of life,
so we may gain a wise heart,
so we may leave behind insisting that we are first,
so we may rejoice in loving you with all our heart, and soul and mind,
so we may learn the loving of our neighbor
that expands our living beyond the counting of our days.
Forgive us when we reduce wisdom to income,
and living to entertainment,
as if seeking pleasure were the essence of our humanity.
Teach us to count our days, God of life,
so we may gain a wise heart,

Kyrie **Tuhan, kasihani** **B-22**

Adapted from a Moluccas melody Christian I. Tamaela: Indonesia

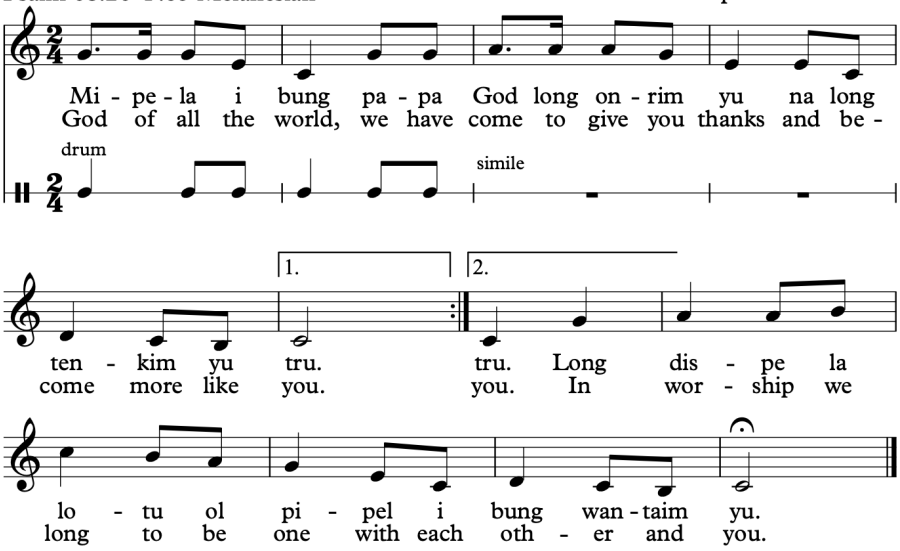


Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise *(rise)* **Mi pela i bung** **B-17**

Psalm 68:26 Neo-Melanesian Traditional: Papua New Guinea



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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

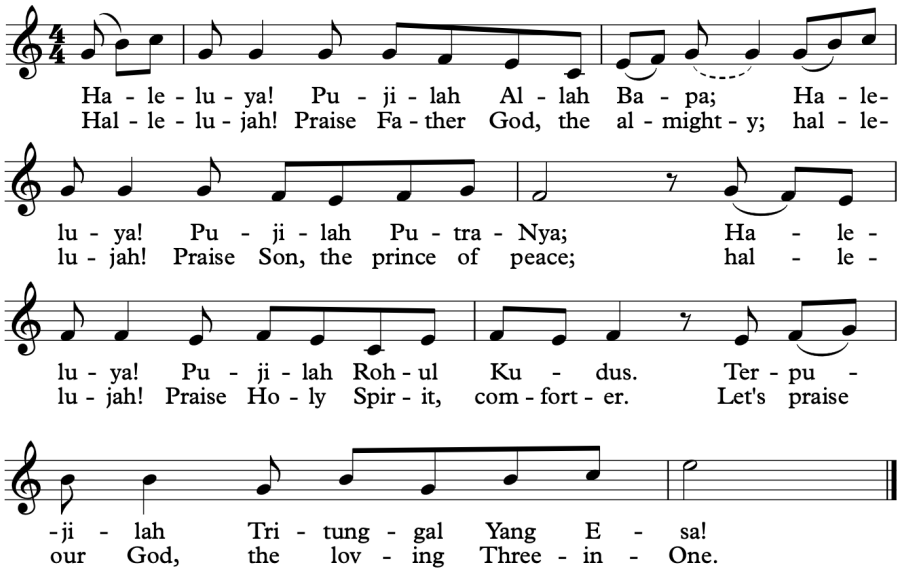
Second Reading Acts 9:36-42

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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

Alleluia *(rise)* **Haleluya! Pujilah Allah Bapa**

Danny Salim: Indonesia



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The gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

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

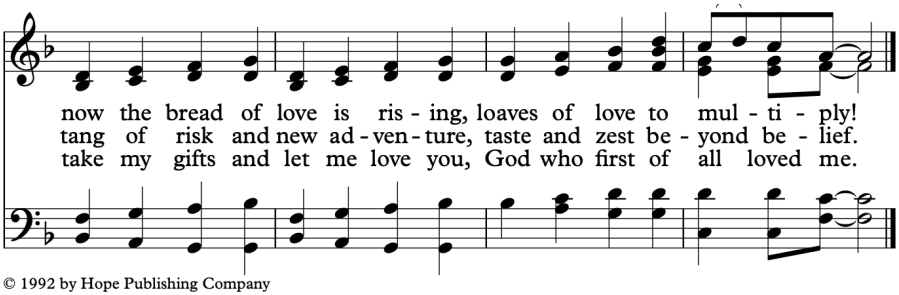
Sung Prayer (*sit*) *Aa Pavitr Atma / Come, Holy Spirit*
Sung by Anupama Hial

Sermon Rev. Dr. Anupama Hial

Hymn *(rise)* **Take my gifts**

Shirley Erena Murray Colin Gibson: Aoteroa/New Zealand





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The Apostles' Creed **A-1**

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 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 *(sit)*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Passing of the Peace

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

Giving Testimony — Noxolo Behane, Vivien Liu

Gathering of Gifts — Choir

Of Women and of Women's Hopes We Sing
English, Shirley Erena Murray / Music, Jayne Marshall

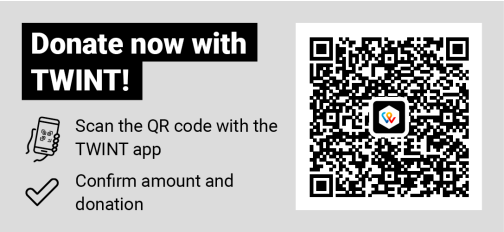
1. Of women, and of women's hopes we sing:
of sharing in creation's nurturing,
of bearing and of birthing new belief,
of passion for the promises of life.

2. We praise the God whose image is our own,
the mystery within our flesh and bone,
the woman-spirit moving through all time
in prophecy, Magnificat and dream.

3. We labor for the commonwealth of God,
and equal as disciples, walk the road,
in work and status, asking what is just,
for sisters of the family of Christ.

4. Forgiving what is past, we seek the new:
a finer justice, and a peace more true,
the promise of empowering for our day
when men and women roll the stone away.

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.



Offertory *(rise)*

Yumi Olgeta

Neo-Melanesian: Papua New Guinea

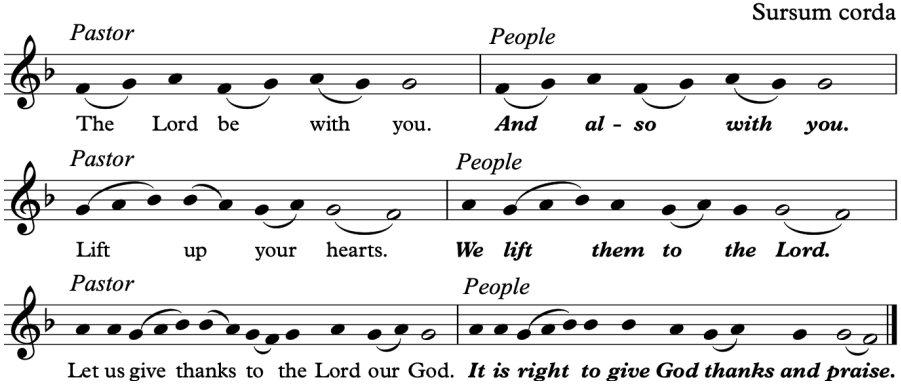


Let us all gather together
Lifting up God's name
In every day of our lives
Coming together

Rejoicing together
God brings us together in the body of Christ
Coming together in peace
In every day of our lives

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda



Preface

Sanctus **Kudus, kudus, kuduslah Tuhan** **E-7**

from Misa Sunda, Sakamato: Indonesia



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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

. . . We proclaim the mystery of our faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

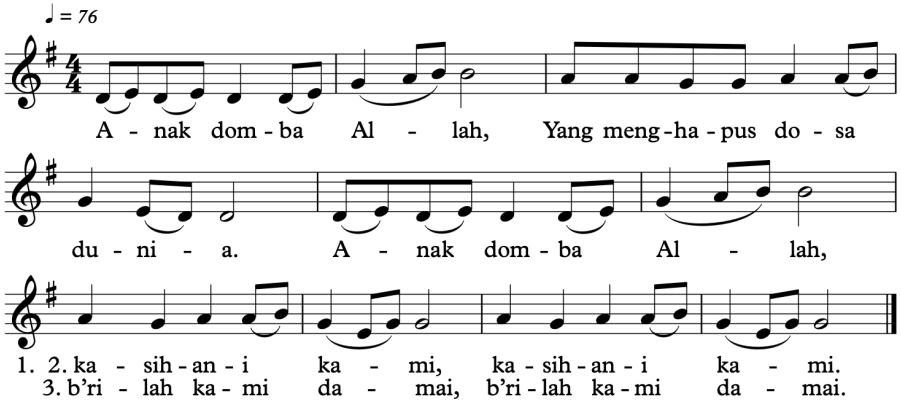
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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

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 **Anak domba Allah** **E-8**

M. Karatem: Indonesia



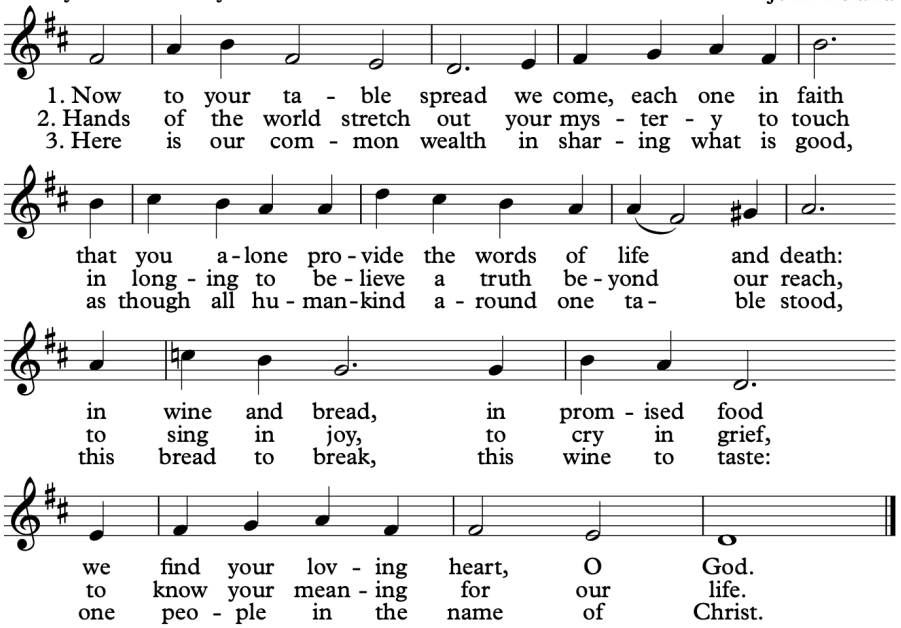
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
3rd time: Grant us peace.

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.

Now to the table spread

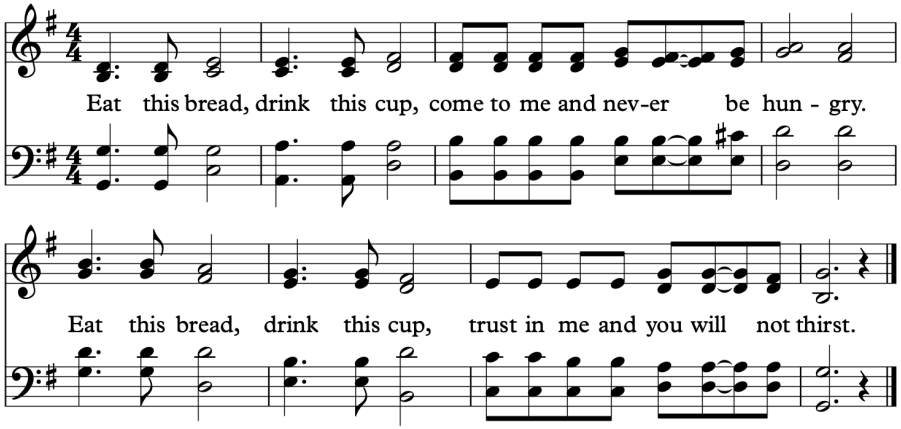
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Eat this bread, drink this cup F-1

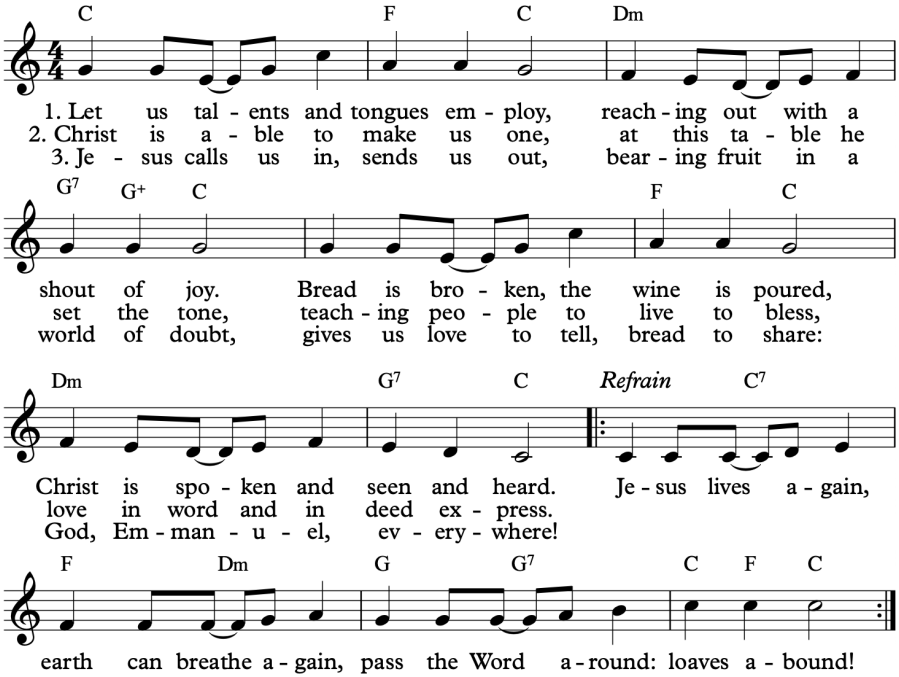
Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France



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Let us talents and tongues employ F-22

Fred Kaan: UK Jamaican folk song adapted by Doreen Potter



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Sending forth *(rise)*

Benediction

Dismissal

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

As you leave, please return songbooks to the cart in the entryway or hand them to an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you…

… to our congregation's Women's Circle for all their work in planning, preparing, and leading today's worship service!

Stewardship for 2027: *Thy Kingdom Come!*

Every fall, our congregation sets aside some weeks for reflection around giving. We think together about what this community means to us and about the ways we might each be called to help support its ongoing ministry; we share in worship, conversation, and prayer; finally, we offer estimates of giving for the coming year, indicating how we plan to contribute our time, talents, and money.

This morning all are invited to participate in some guided conversation in neighborhood groups during coffee hour. Please join in!

And in the coming week, we will all be encouraged to offer our estimates of giving for the coming year. Giving forms will be sent to all members by post and by email. Please take this step of participating in our ministry in an intentional way in the year ahead!

ELCG-FUN(D) SALE – Sunday 22 November

Some members of the congregation will hold a sale to raise funds for our congregation's ministry. This is not an auction, nor is it serving food on the spot. We will be selling things, like a shop, that we each hand-make. For example, artwork, handmade sewn decor, food, cakes, spices, etc. We plan to take online orders, too. This sale will take place in the church after worship on Sunday 22 November. Please mark your calendars. You are very welcome to bring friends from beyond the congregation. You can already reserve some of the products! Go take a look at https://genevalutheran.church/.

Being With Course – Starting Shortly

The Being With course, developed by St Martin-in-the-Fields church in London, is an invitation into Christian life—for those who are new to the faith, and for those who wish to continue their journey. Unlike many introduction to Christianity classes, this one is not much focused on doctrine or Bible study—instead, it's "an immersive experience of learning how to be with ourselves, with others and the world around us, and learning how to be with God." Fulata Moyo and Andy Willis are planning to offer the course in our congregation again shortly. To sign up, or for more information, contact the church office or Andy Willis.

Women's Circle
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: **Friday, 4 December (Christmas dinner 18h-22h).** Please contact, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, Kim Avafia, or the office for more information.

Church School Now In Session!
We meet each Sunday during the school year (except on the first of each month, when worship is in the evening, and during school vacations). There are two classes—one for ages 3-8, and one for 9 through confirmation age—both meeting in the top floor classrooms. Children begin the worship service with their families and return to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen – 5 December
Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 5 December. 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.

Choir Practice - Thursday Evenings
The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to anyone—we meet on Thursday evenings from 19h30 until 21h00 to learn the music for the upcoming Sunday worship service and work on additional pieces. Contact Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg with any questions. Come and sing!

Young Adults' Group
If you're 18-30, you have a place here! Join our young adults group to grow in faith, build friendships, and walk with Christ. We'll be meeting up one Friday and one Saturday per month at church (top floor). To get connected, please text or approach Naomi (+41762146607), Olivia (+41764493137), or Ano (+41795502633).

Visiting Iona in 2027?
Iona, an island in the inner Hebrides, off the western coast of Scotland, is a special place, with dramatic landscapes, more cows than people, and a long history of prayer and Christian pilgrimage. The Iona Community--"a dispersed Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship"—offers programs and retreats on Iona, and our congregation is exploring the possibility of a group attending one in August/September 2027. We are hoping to make a pre-

booking this coming week—so if you might be interested in joining this trip, please write to Dorine van Teeseling (dvantees@gmail.com) or to Andy Willis immediately.

Creative Writing Group – Tuesday 17 November

Everyone who loves to write is invited to join the creative writing group, meeting in the Gemeinderaum at the church, once a month on Tuesday evening, 19h00 - 20h30. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **17 November** at 19h00. Bites will be provided. All welcome! Please contact Cynthia Wilbers or the church office for further info.

Nursery Care Available for Young Children

Nursery care is available during worship on Sunday mornings for children age 3 and under. The nursery is staffed from 11h00 to 13h00. Children are always welcome in worship, but for families who wish, this option is available. Contact the church office with any questions.

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Semaine des Religions 2026

The Week of Religions is currently taking place throughout Switzerland. In Geneva, the Plateforme Interreligieuse is organizing a number of interesting events—exhibitions, roundtables, and opportunities for encounters. A shared prayer for peace will take place at the Temple de la Madeleine on 20 November from 12h30 to 13h00. For more information on all events, visit: https://interreligieux.ch/

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

22 November – Group A	29 November – Group B
6 December – Group C	13 December – Group D

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

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Upcoming Events

Tues, 17 Nov	**19h00**	Creative writing group
Thurs, 19 Nov	**19h30**	Choir rehearsal
Sun, 22 Nov	**9h45**	Confirmation class
	11h00	Worship and church school
	12h30	ELCG-Fun(d) Sale

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

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