



## Holy Trinity Geneva

### The Third Sunday of Lent Common Worship Eucharist with Spiritual Communion 10h30 - 23rd March 2025



The barren fig tree - Sunday Mass Readings

*The mass setting at this service is St Anne's Mass by MacMillan.*

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NEH 333 All my hope on God is founded**

*We stand to sing*

1 All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

2 Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust  
But God's power,  
Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command. ..../..

5 Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Michael  
H Howells (1892-1983)  
R Bridges (1844-1930) based  
on the German of J Neander  
(1650-1680)*

## **THE GATHERING & WELCOME**

*We remain standing*

### **Preparation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful,  
In these days of challenge, make us stronger in you,  
In these days of emptiness, take possession of us,  
In these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of  
Your cross. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION**

*We sit or kneel*

### **Invitation**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

## Kyrie Confession

Andante ♩ = 80

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is Andante with a metronome marking of ♩ = 80. The first staff begins with a whole rest for four measures, followed by a half note G4 and a half note A4, with the lyrics 'Lord have' underneath. The second staff starts at measure 6 with a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4, with the lyrics 'mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,' underneath. The third staff starts at measure 11 with a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4, with the lyrics 'Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,' underneath. The fourth staff starts at measure 15 with a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4, with the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy.' underneath. Dynamics include mp (mezzo-piano) at the beginning of the first staff and mf (mezzo-forte) at the beginning of the second staff.

Lord have

mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,

Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,

Lord have mer - cy.

## Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COLLECT

*Let us pray,*

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,

and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,

may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson

Isaiah 55.1-9

*We sit*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

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 labour 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;  
 listen, so that you may live.  
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
 my steadfast, sure love for David.  
 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 for he has glorified you.  
 Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
 call upon him while he is near;  
 let the wicked forsake their way,  
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
 let them 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

# **PSALM 63.1-9**

*We stand to sing*

**O God ' thou art my ' God : early ' will I ' seek ' thee.**  
**2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth ' after ' thee : in**  
**a barren and dry land ' where no ' water ' is.**  
**3 Thus have I looked for ' thee in ' holiness : that I might be'hold**  
**thy ' power and ' glory.**  
**4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the ' life it'self : my ' lips**  
**shall ' praise ' thee.**  
**5 As long as I live I will magnify thee ' on this ' manner : and lift up**  
**my ' hands in ' thy ' Name.**  
**6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with ' marrow and '**  
**fatness : when my mouth praiseth ' thee with ' joyful ' lips.**  
**7 Have I not remembered thee ' in my ' bed : and thought upon '**  
**thee when ' I was ' waking?**

8 Because thou hast ' been my ' helper : therefore under the shadow  
of thy ' wings will ' I re'joice.

9 My soul ' hangeth up'on thee : they ' right hand ' hath up'holden  
me.

## **Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

*We sit*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

*cf Psalm 95.3,8*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 13.1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON – Revd Canon Dr Daphne Green**

*We sit*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*We stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*We sit or kneel*  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

### **Conclusion**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace and the Offertory**

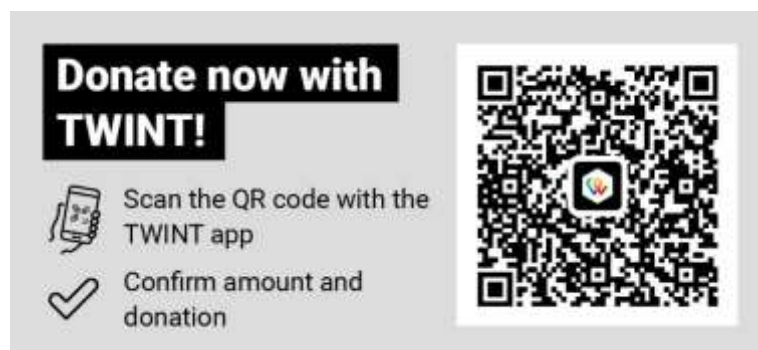
*We stand*  
Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign of peace.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN NEH 339 Be thou my vision**

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### **NEH 339**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Slane  
Traditional Irish Melody  
Tr. M Byrne (1880-1931)  
Versified E Hull (1860-1935)*

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*We remain standing*

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,



holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because you give us the spirit of discipline,  
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,  
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery  
with mind and heart renewed.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

### Sanctus & Benedictus

Moderato ♩ = 92 - 96 *mp*

CONGREGATION

Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the  
sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**rising you restored our life:**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion

with your grace and heavenly blessing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We sit or kneel*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in the  
one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

Slowly

ALL VOICES *mp*

Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, grant us peace.

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*We invite you to come and to receive Communion, receiving the host from the priest and, if you wish, the wine from the chalice bearer. Please consume the host before you receive the wine and do not dip it in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms. If you are accustomed to receiving Communion in any church, you are welcome to do so with us today.*

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his Blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving.

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those online)

Let us now prepare ourselves to make our spiritual communion.

### Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion

**We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ...[short pause ]**

**Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **ANTHEM – Palestrina – Sicut Cervus**

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum:

quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei?

Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae panes die ac nocte,  
dum dicitur mihi quotidie:

Ubi est Deus tuus?

*As the hart longs for the water springs,*

*So longs my soul for thee, O God.*

*My soul has thirsted for the living God:*

*When shall I come and appear before the face of my God?*

*My tears have been my bread by day and by night,*

*While it is said to me daily:*

*Where is your God?*

*Palestrina (1525-1594)*

*Psalm 42.1-3*

## **THE CONCLUSION**

### **Post Communion Prayers**

*We sit or kneel*

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations

of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**

**to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Notices**

## **HYMN NEH 437 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him**

*We stand*

1 PRAISE the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;  
Praise him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
Praise him, all ye stars and light:  
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken,  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws, which never shall be broken,  
For their guidance he has made.

2 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail;  
God has made his saints victorious.  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name!

3 Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to thy name;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing,  
Join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in heaven adore thee,  
We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So on earth thy will be done.

*Austria  
FJ Haydn (1732-1809)  
V1,2 Foundling Hospital  
Collection 1796  
V3 E Osler (1798-1863)*

### **Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Music after the service**

## Prayer Requests

R.I.P. Anthony (Tony) Mortimer

*We pray for his family & friends as they mourn*

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Jann Coppen, Jonathan Bezzola, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Patricia Brown, Dr Brian Marshall and Janet Pharaoh. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

Pray for the Church of Sweden. Pray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (Turkey), for Patriarch Bartholomew and the autocephalous Orthodox Churches and their leaders.

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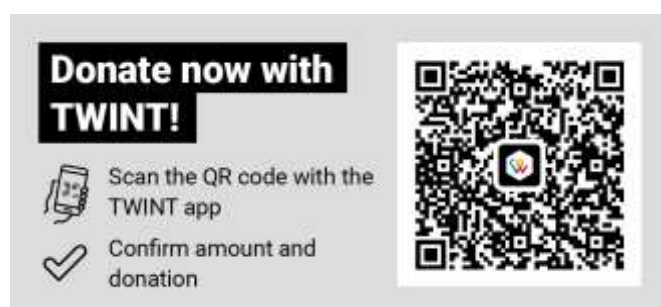
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## EASTER SERVICES 2025

### **PALM SUNDAY 13 April**

9h CW Eucharist  
10h30 Blessing of the Palms and Procession  
18h Journey to Gethsemane

### **Monday 14 April**

19h30 Evening Prayer & Reflection

### **Tuesday 15 April**

19h30 Choral Compline & Reflection

### **Wednesday 16 April**

10h Online CW Eucharist  
19h Evening Prayer & Reflection

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 April**

10h BCP Eucharist  
19h30 Eucharist with Footwashing  
followed by Watch until 22h

### **GOOD FRIDAY 18 April**

12h-15h Good Friday service  
19h30 Choral Work sung by the choir

### **HOLY SATURDAY 19 April**

20h Easter Vigil

### **EASTER SUNDAY 20 April**

9h Easter Day Eucharist  
10h30 Family Easter Day Eucharist



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