



Second Sunday in  
**Lent**

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The Church of Scotland

**WELCOME**



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*Auditoire de Calvin, February 28 2024*

**Prelude** *“Nun bitten wir”* (Chorale Prelude)

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637 – 1707)

**Introit: CH4 246** (verses 1,3,5)

*Great God of every shining constellation*

## **Welcome**

### **Call to worship**

*This is the day that the Lord has made*

*Let us be glad and rejoice in it.*

*Show me this joy, Father, that lies just below  
the surface of all things*

*in your redeemed creation.*

*Then help me claim this day for you*

*And live it to your glory. Amen.*

(Barry Shepherd, *Praying the Psalms*)

**CH4 59** *Oh, come and let us to the Lord*

## **Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Baptism** Daithí James Miceál Gibney

**CH4 796** *The Lord bless you and keep you*

**CH4 632** *Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer*

**Gospel.** *Mark 8:31–38*

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my

sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

### **Offering**

**Music** *Offertory in E major*

César Franck (1822 – 1890)

**CH4 807** (as the offering is brought forward)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

### **Prayer of dedication**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart:*

*Naught be all else to me save that thou art.*

*Thou my best thought by the day or by night,*

*Waking or sleeping, thy presence my might.*

**CH4 465** *Be thou my vision*

### **SERMON**

**CH4 402** *“Take up your cross,” the Saviour said*

### **Prayers for others**

**Hymn** *I cannot tell why he whom angels worship*

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,  
should set his love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wand’ers,  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.

But this I know, that he was born of Mary,  
when Bethl’hem’s manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,  
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:  
at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

## **Blessing**

**CH4 786** *May the God of peace* (x2)

**Postlude:** *Voluntary in G major*

William Walond (1719 - 1768)

*Welcoming elder:* Christine Buhler

*Ushers:* Jane McKenzie,

*Reader:* Jane McKenzie

*Organist:* Rebecca MacDonald

*Choir:* Páraic Réamonn

## **Notices**

Today's service will be followed by a simple lunch in the SalleThéodore de Bèze, to which all are welcome. The choir will meet afterwards to rehearse for the next month.

**February 26, 19:30** Kirk session. At the manse, with Zoom option.

**March 2, 9:00 to 17:00** *Transforming our life in Christ.* Ignatian Way retreat, Château de Bossey. Cost CHF 50, including morning coffee and lunch. Details from Eleanor Strittmatter.

**March 3** Communion Sunday

Collection of goods for *Partage*, the Geneva food bank: [partage.ch/en/](http://partage.ch/en/) A list of suitable goods can be found here: [bit.ly/47LnOsT](http://bit.ly/47LnOsT)

**March 12, 19:00 for 19:30** Congregational committee. In the Salle, with Zoom option.



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