



# The Church of Scotland

# WELCOME



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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Auditoire de Calvin, February 4 2024

**Prelude** *Récit de Nazard,* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676–1749)

**Introit CH4 578** Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise

Welcome: Partage collection

Call to worship Lord, help of the helpless, the hope of those past hope the rescuer of the storm tossed the harbour of the voyagers, the healer of the sick, I ask you to become all things to all people for you know the needs of each one. Accept us all into your kingdom, making us children of light and give us your peace and love, Lord our God.

(Basil the Great c.330-379)

CH4 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Talk with children

CH4 178 God is good, we sing and shout it

New Testament. 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

#### Offering

Organ music Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward) Praise God from whom all blessings flow Prayer of dedication

**CH4 257** *Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together* 

## SERMON

CH4 549 How deep the Father's love for us

## HOLY COMMUNION

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 our thanks and praise.** 

Choir: CH4 651, Holy, holy, holy Lord CH4 653, Lamb of God

CH4 252 As a fire is meant for burning

#### **Blessing and threefold Amen**

**Postlude:** *Cornet Voluntary,* Starling Goodwin (1711-74)

Welcoming elder: Rosaleen Walker Ushers: Amy Leger, Robert Walker Reader: Rosaleen Walker Organist: Rebecca MacDonald Choir: Páraic Réamonn

#### Notices

**February 4** Communion Sunday Collection in aid of *Partage*, the Geneva food bank: *partage.ch/en/* Donations can also be brought to the Salle on other Sundays. *Congregational meeting* after the service to vote on linking with the Scots Kirk, Lausanne: *bit.ly/3vIZ8Ix* 

**February 11, 13:30** *Future Focus* The second of our two Sunday afternoon meetings, in which we dream and plan together about our future as a congregation. After the morning service, we shall serve a quick lunch of soup and bread and cheese. **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. Further details from Eleanor Strittmatter.

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



Join us afterwards in the Salle Théodore de Bèze for coffee or tea!

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