

Third Sunday in **Lent**

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The Church of Scotland

WELCOME



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Third in Lent, Auditoire de Calvin, March 3 2024

Prelude *Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt* Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707) **Introit** *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy*

Welcome: Partage collection

Call to worship

Beyond all names and titles, Lord and King, Redeemer, Shepherd – you are Love. Help us to recognise your presence in this day, wherever love is to be found, and when we find it, to be glad that we belong within your family of grace. Amen.

(J Barrie Shepherd, Praying the Psalms)

CH4 100 O Lord thou art my God and King (Ps 145)
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Talk with children
CH4 163 Grace is when God gives us

Old Testament. Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:
I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of

the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Offering

Organ music Dolcezza (Reflections, No 3)
Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)
CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Prayer of dedication

A blessing today on the servant.

A blessing on those who cook and clean and clear up and change babies and wash clothes and make tea, and sing whiles.

A blessing on those who tend ungrateful relatives and listen to bores and re-mend what has been torn again, and repeat the wisdom which one day their children will remember and cherish. A blessing today on all your domestic servants, Lord, who go down on their knees in the company of Jesus. (More Than Words, 2008)

CH4 152 Praise the Lord his glories show SERMON CH4 662 Jesus thou joy of loving hearts

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

CH4 490 Jesus, lover of my soul Blessing and threefold Amen Postlude Threnody (upon the outbreak of war) Peter Billington Welcoming elder: Ailsa Craig

Ushers: Ellen Walker, Jürg Strittmatter

Reader: Nicola Hollyman Organist: Peter Billington Choir: Páraic Réamonn

Notices

Church newsletter

Contributions for the March issue to *lindy.lynn1956@qmail.com* by March 6.

March 3 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.

March 6 and 20, 19:30 Alan Sorensen, in our sister congregation in Amsterdam, invites us to two Bible studies. Zoom link from Christine Colliar: ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk.

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

April 21, 13:30 Future Focus 3!

The third of our Sunday afternoons, in which together we shall put flesh on our plans for our future as a congregation. After the morning service, we shall serve a quick lunch of soup and bread and cheese.

May 2-5 Cursillo #77 A weekend of reflection on our Christian life at Le Cénacle (cenacle.ch) For more, visit genevacursillo.org, website of the Geneva Ecumenical Cursillo Community.



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

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