



Fifth Sunday in  
**Lent**

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The Church of Scotland

**WELCOME**



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*Fifth Sunday in Lent, Auditoire de Calvin,  
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## **Prelude**

**Introit CH4 393** *We turn to God when we are sorely pressed.* Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## **Welcome**

### **Call to worship**

Come, come and worship!

You who woke early and you who slept late; you who come often, and you who are seldom here.

**Whether first or last or somewhere in between, there is room for all of us in God's love, and more than enough grace to go around.**

**Let's worship God together!**

**CH4 500** *Lord of creation to you be all praise*

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

### **Talk with children**

**CH4 404** *I danced in the morning*

**Old Testament** *Judges 18:5-6*

### **Offering**

**CH4 807** (as the offering is brought forward)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

## **Prayer of dedication**

**Gospel** Luke 15:11-30

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one

gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!”

**CH4 40** *O God be gracious to me*

**SERMON**

**CH4 685** *For everyone born*

**Prayers for others**

**CH4 577** *Christ be beside me*

**Blessing and threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

## Congregational roll

We are updating our roll, to make it fit for purpose. If you are a member of our congregation, or think you are, and have yet to respond to Christine Buhler's email inviting you to fill in the online questionnaire, please do so now! If you can't find her original email, she will cheerfully resend it on request: [buhlerchristine@hotmail.com](mailto:buhlerchristine@hotmail.com).

*Worship leader:* Rev Nathan Wilson

*Welcoming elder:* Laurent Djamen

*Ushers:* David Hogg, Everett Jessop

*Reader:* Nan Braunschweiger

*Organ:* Linda Revkin

## Notices

**March 20, 19:30** Alan Sorensen, in our sister congregation in Amsterdam, invites us to a Bible study. Zoom link from Christine Colliar: [ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk).

**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](http://cenacle.ch)) For more, visit [genevacursillo.org](http://genevacursillo.org), website of the Geneva Ecumenical Cursillo Community.

**June 9** Annual congregational meeting



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

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