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Easter Sunday



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Easter Sunday, March 31 2024, Auditoire de Calvin

Prelude *Sonata no.4, 2nd movement*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847)

Introit *Come, share with us the joyful news*

Welcome

Call to worship

When warmth breaks through the cold

And light comes to the dark places

Christ is risen!

When sadness turns to joy and fear turns to
rejoicing – **Christ is risen!**

When we take courage and share the good news.

Christ is risen!

When shroud is left behind

And the banner of Christ is unfurled.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

CH4 410 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Talk with children

CH4 404 *Lord of the dance*

New Testament *1 Corinthians 15.12-22*

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Gospel *Mark 16. 1-8*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

CH4 412 *The strife is o'er, the battle done*

Offering

Praeludium Georg Böhm (1661–1733)

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of dedication

God of all, we give you thanks for all things yet to be. You call us beyond our alone-ness, beyond our careful boundaries and fears, to be surprised by miracles.

Out of your pain – you weave joy

Out of our separate pieces – you weave a fabric

Out of parts – you weave a whole.

Accept our offering of ourselves

Accept our separate lives to be joined together as we seek to become part of you. Amen.

CH4 415 *This joyful Eastertide*

SERMON

In Christ alone my hope is found

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 419 *Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son*
Blessing and threefold Amen
Postlude *Sonata no.4, 1st movement*
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Welcoming elder: Makoto Ikeda
Ushers: Suzanne Murray-Jones, Ellen Walker
Reader: Alex Craeye
Organist: Peter Billington
Choir: Páraic Réamonn

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.

Notices

April 9, 19h30 Zoom meeting of the kirk sessions of Geneva and Lausanne with the International Presbytery advisory committee

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.

June 9 Annual congregational meeting

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

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