



Sunday between August 28 and September 3 inclusive

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The Church of Scotland

# WELCOME



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*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Auditoire de Calvin, September 1 2024*

**Prelude** *Prelude in G minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

**Introit** *As a chalice cast of gold*, Thomas H Troeger

Welcome & edict for new elders

## **Call to worship**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
from him comes my salvation

**For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.**

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my  
fortress;

**I shall not be shaken.** (from Psalm 62)

**CH4 64** *Sing, all creation, sing to God in  
gladness!*

**Prayer and Lord's prayer**

**All-age talk**

**CH4 360** *Jesus Christ is waiting*

**New Testament** *James 1:17-27*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Gospel** *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

... Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

... For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**Offering**

**Music** *Prelude in D minor, JS Bach*

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

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

**Prayer of dedication** We read:

**CH4 258** *When the poor ones who have nothing*

**CH4 537** *We do not hope to ease our minds*

## Sermon

**CH4 685** *For everyone born, a place at the table*

### The Lord's Supper

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 544** *When I needed a neighbour*

**Blessing & threefold Amen**

**Postlude** *Prelude in C major, JS Bach*

*Join us upstairs in the  
Salle Théodore de Bèze for refreshments!*

*Welcoming elder:* Laurent Djamen

*Ushers:* Vivien Liu, Douglas Murray-Jones

*Reader:* Jean Murray

*Organ:* Peter Billington

*Choir:* Páraic Réamonn

### Flower rota

If you would like to donate flowers on a particular date (or dates!), please email Rosemary Hill ([hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk)) or fill in your name on the sheet in the Salle.

### Nourishing Minds book & DVD sale

*Finishes at 18h today!* see [bit.ly/4dAyWAt](https://bit.ly/4dAyWAt)

### Partage

Our *Partage* collections on the first Sunday of the month start again this month.

### Our book club, courtesy of Gillian Friedli

*September 25, 14h.* 4th floor restaurant, Coop City, Plainpalais. Book: *Hamnet*, Maggie O'Farrell. See <https://bit.ly/3X9nG7H>

**Special Malawi appeal** (see [bit.ly/3S1DKa0](https://bit.ly/3S1DKa0))

Last call! Han and Jane Broere will take our donations to Ekwendeni when they visit this month.

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