



Sunday between September 25 and October 1 inclusive

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Pot Pourri, September 22, 2024

Prelude *For the beauty of the earth*

arranged by John Rutter (1945–)

Introit *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

(Glory to God, 5)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Choose a planet.

Choose a table.

Choose a meal with friends and a time to share it.

Choose an environment.

Choose a way of living.

Choose a word to speak until you can live it fully, for others.

Choose a world.

Choose a God.

Choose a means of understanding what's going on and believe in it.

Choose a colour.

Choose green. Choose blue. Choose rainbows.

Choose a shade that reflects the hope found in giving to others.

Choose a loaf.

Choose a wine.

Choose a sacrament. Don't speak about it.

Just do it.

Choose a community.

Choose a faith.

Choose a place to be completely, fully, totally in love.

Choose life.

Choose God.

Choose Jesus.

Choose today.

Choose here.

Choose now.

Choose to choose.

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CH4 229 *We plough the fields and scatter*

Prayer and Lord's prayer

For the Trinity of light and love:

God's presence everywhere,

God's salvation for everyone,

God's inspiration of all things.

We give thanks.

For ourselves and each other,
for our families, friends and enemies,
for our work, hopes and struggles.

We give thanks.

For those in need and those who teach us,
for the people, governments and churches of
Europe,
for the future peace and justice in our world.

We pray

For the whole world,
for all things created, visible and invisible,
for individuals and communities in need.

We give thanks.

For water, air and soil,
for plants, trees and animals,
for minerals and fossils.

We give thanks.

For knowledge, skills and ideas,
for inventions and discoveries,
for science and the arts.

We give thanks.

All: **May our footprint on this earth be light.**

**May we discover the holiness of your
presence everywhere.**

**May we learn how to value your gifts without
harm or waste.**

**May we enrich the flourishing of beauty in
the things we make and use.**

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Harvest time with the children

CH4 143 *Who put the colours in the rainbow?*

Reponsive Psalm *Psalm 8 (CEV)*

Our Lord and ruler,
your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!
Let your glory be seen in the heavens above!

**With praises from children and from tiny
infants,**

You have built a fortress.

It makes your enemies silent

And all who turn against you are speechless.

I often think of the heavens your hands have
made,
and of the moon and stars you put in place.

Then I ask, “Why do you care about us humans?
Why are you concerned for us weaklings?”
Yet, you have made us a little lower than yourself
and you have crowned us with glory and honour.

**You let us rule everything your hands have
made.**

**And you put it all under our power –
The sheep, the cattle, and every wild animal
The birds in the sky, the fish in the sea
And all ocean creatures.**

**All: Our Lord and Ruler,
Your name is wonderful in all the earth.**

Offering

Music: *Gavotte*

Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of dedication

We choose.

**We choose a world of justice
where God’s resources are cared for and
shared fairly
where we conserve creation for future
generations
where all people can live in peace.**

We choose.

**We choose God, for God is justice.
We choose a world of peace
where God’s children no longer destroy
each other
where everyone is treated with respect for
their uniqueness
where lasting peace is built on God’s love.**

We choose.

**We choose God, for God is peace.
We choose a world of love
where God’s love is known to all the
children of the Earth
where everyone can feel accepted by their
brothers and sisters
where God’s purpose for the world is finally
revealed.**

We choose.

We choose God, for God is love.

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CH4 231 *For the fruits of all creation*

Sermon

CH4 157 *Sing of the Lord's goodness*

Choir *God's glory fills the heavens* (Psalm 19)

God's glory fills the heavens with hymns;
the domed sky bears the Maker's mark;
new praises sound from day to day
and echo through the knowing dark.
Without a word their songs roll on;
into all lands their voices run.
And with a champion's strength and grace
from farthest heaven comes forth the sun.

God's perfect law revives the soul;
its precepts make the simple wise;
its just commands rejoice the heart;
its truth gives light unto the eyes.
Forever shall this law endure:
unblemished, righteous, true, complete.
No gold was ever found so fine,
no honey in the comb more sweet.

God's servant may I ever be:
this world my joy, that word my guide.
O cleanse me, Lord, from secret sin:
deliver me from selfish pride.
Accept my thoughts and words and deeds:
let them find favour in your sight.
For you alone can make me whole,
O Lord, my refuge and my might.

(Carl P Daw, Jr)

Prayers for others

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters."*

Lord, your world is in danger. The enemy is
hiding behind vested interests and sceptics,
waiting to plunder and rape your earth.

We cry to you, Lord, protect your creation,
defend the work of your hands.

Save our generation from our addiction to
fossil fuels.

Wash our hands of their clutch on dirty energy,
clean our hearts of our desire for more and
more.

Turn our souls away from materialism

and our desires from taking and taking from
your sacred, limited world.
Give us a vision of the blessings we will receive
if we turn away from idolatry of the economy
and bow to wisdom and truth.
Let man and woman-kind see that true
happiness rests in enjoying your earth as you
intended,
not according to the lies of the enemy.
Show us that a kinder and simpler lifestyle
will allow us to see your glory more clearly.
Let your glory of the King of glory shine through
your kingdom.

*"Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty –
he is the King of glory."*

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A prayer in the face of climate change

Jesus Christ,
tempted to turn stones to bread
in the wilderness:
teach us that when we change time
for our convenience:
night to day in our living,
patience to speed in our journeying,
winter to summer in our eating,
we change God's calendar which brings
the hatchling to the caterpillar,
the bee to the nectar,
the rains to the farmer;
to the one which brings you to the cross.
Give us grace in our simplest actions
to choose the life which breathes
in the beautiful complexity of creation,
to conquer death,
and to fit us to be Easter people. **Amen**

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CH4 147 *All creatures of our God and King*
(Women, verses 3, 5; Men, 4, 6)

**I will light a light
I will light a light
in the name of the maker of light
who lit the world with stars, sun and moon
and breathed the breath of life
into all things.**

**I will light a light
in the name of the revealer of light
who brought light into the darkness
and stretched out his hands for us
giving his love to the whole world.**

**I will light a light
in the name of the inspirer of light
who lit the world from within
and fills my life with wonder
in the search for learning and wisdom.**

Blessing and threefold Amen

Postlude *Toccata in G major*
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621)



*Join us upstairs in the
Salle Théodore de Bèze
for our harvest lunch!*

Welcoming elder: Christine Buhler
Ushers: Sherree Atkinson-Bret, Arthur Griffith
Reader: Makoto Ikeda
Organ: Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir: Páraic Réamonn

St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh: November 2, Salle
Communale des Délices, Grand-Saconnex
*Want to help? See the Fair newsletter on our
website: bit.ly/3XC3qvy*

Flower rota

If you would like to donate flowers on a particular date (or dates!), please email Rosemary Hill (hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk) or fill in your name on the sheet in the Salle. There are lots of free spaces!

October 5, 9-17h *Transforming our life in Christ.* An Ignatian Way retreat, Château de Bossey, cost CHF 50, including morning coffee and lunch. See bit.ly/3ZaVNig

October 6, Partage

Our *Partage* collections on the first Sunday of the month have started again. Donations can also be left in the boxes in the Salle on other Sundays. See bit.ly/47Ln0sT

October 18, 19h, the Scots Kirk, Lausanne. Stories of hope from Bassam Assam and Rami Elhanan of the Parents Circle, Israel/Palestine. bit.ly/47rFVdd

October 19, 18h, Auditoire de Calvin. Autumn concert in aid of our mission project, Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal. Music by Gabriel Fauré, music from Japan. Xavier Dami, Vivien Liu, Ensemble "Cotori". See bit.ly/47gzE4a



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