



**Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

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Prelude *Prelude in A*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Come, worship God, who is worthy of honour.* Psalm 95. Michael Perry (1942–1996)

Welcome

Call to worship

You yourself are my contemplation, my delight.

I seek you for your own sake, above all else.

From you yourself I feed within.

You are the field in which I labour,

the food for which I labour.

You are my cause, my goal,

my beginning, and my end without end.

You, for me, are eternity. Amen.

Isaac of Stella (c. 1100–1169)

CH4 111 *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty*

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Talk with children

CH4 185 *Come, children, join and sing*

Old Testament *Isaiah 6:1–13*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

And one called to another and said,
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has

touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said, “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.”

(The holy seed is its stump.)

Offering

Music *To God alone on high be glory*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1561–1621)

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of dedication

The bricklayer laid a brick on the bed of cement.

then with a precise stroke of his trowel, he spread another layer.

And, without a by your leave, laid another brick.

The foundation grew visibly.

The building rose tall and strong, providing shelter.

I thought, Lord, of that brick buried in the darkness at the base of the big building.

No one sees it, but it accomplishes its task.

Lord, what difference whether I am on the rooftop or in the foundation of your building, as long as I stand faithfully in the right place.

Michel Quoist (1921–1997))

CH4 191 *Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you*

Sermon

CH4 251 *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

Prayers for others

CH4 609 *Come, living God, when least expected*

Benediction (CH4 786)

*May the God of peace go with us
as we travel from this place;
may the love of Jesus keep us
firm in hope and full of grace.*

Blessing & threefold Amen

Postlude Dialogue

Jean Adam Guillain (1680–1739)

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

Welcoming elder Alex Craeye

Ushers Freda Craeye, Ellen Walker

Reader Alex Craeye

Organ Rebecca MacDonald

Choir Páraic Réamonn

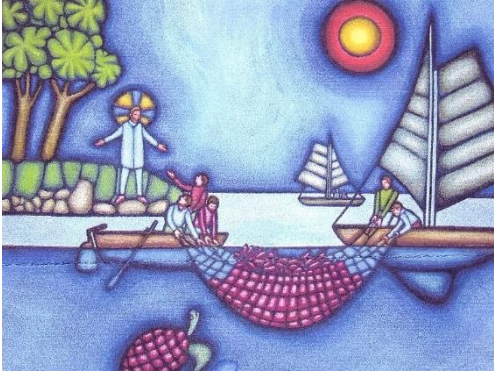
Flower rota

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

Partage

Collection on the first Sunday of each month. A list of suitable items can be found at the back of the church. Crates are available in the Salle for your donations. Thank you!

March 1, 9h-17h. “Our God who is Love”:
Ignatian Way day, Château de Bossey. CHF 50.
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