



Second Sunday in
Lent

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Prelude for Lent *Through Adam's Fall*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Introit *O God, you are my God alone*

(CH4 43, *Psalm 63:1–8*)

Welcome and Notice Christine Buhler

Call to worship

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

**Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you;

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Isaiah 56:68

**Then he said to them all, "If any wish to
come after me, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross daily and follow me.**

Luke 9:23

CH4 162 *The God of Abraham praise*

Silent prayer

Prayers

Collect

Almighty and merciful,

you are full of tenderness and compassion,

slow to anger, and always ready to forgive.

Grant us grace to cling to Christ and

renounce all evil, that we may prove

ourselves your sons and daughters,

sisters and brothers of same Lord Jesus

Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Talk *Patrick and the pirates*

CH4 577 *Christ be before me*

Old Testament *Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ...

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates...”

CH4 22 *The Lord’s my light and saving health*
(*Psalm 27*)

Gospel *Luke 13:31–35*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible

for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Sermon *Like a hen?*

CH4 117 *Mothering God, you gave me birth*

Offertory

Choral Prelude *on Wem in Leidenstagen*

Peter Hurford (1930–2019)

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, you heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of dedication

Prayers for the world and its people

CH4 276 Sung while seated, as a refrain

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

The Lord's Prayer

CH4 348 *Praise the one who breaks the darkness*

Blessing & threefold Amen

Postlude *Voluntary IX*

John Stanley (1713–1786), from Volume II



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

Worship Leader Páraic Réamonn
Welcoming elder Nicola Hollyman
Ushers Sherree Atkinson, Gerald Lewis
Reader Nan Braunschweiger
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) 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 25, 19h30, Congregational Committee

March 26, 19h30, Kirk Session

May 8-11, Cursillo weekend, Le Cénacle, Promenade Charles-Martin 17, Geneva 1208. See <https://bit.ly/3F6URDY> and (to apply) <https://bit.ly/3Xt5IOl>

June 1, Annual Congregational Meeting



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