





# The Church of Scotland

# WELCOME



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Auditoire de Calvin, March 23 2025 Third Sunday in Lent

**Prelude** Sarabande Madeleine Dring (1923–1977) **Introit** Here, O God, your servants gather Tokuo Yamaguchi (1900–1995) **Welcome** 

# Call to worship

God, our heavenly Father, when the thought of you wakens our hearts, let its awakening not be like a startled bird that flies around in fear. Instead, let it be a like a child waking from sleep with a heavenly smile. Amen. Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855)

# CH4 198 Let us build a house

# Prayer and Lord's Prayer

BAPTISM Blessing (CH4 796) The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

CH4 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer

# Gospel Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

#### Offertory

Music Largo Cantabile (Concerto in D) Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741) CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Prayer of dedication

CH4 465 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

# SERMON

CH4 532 Lord, you have come to the seashore

#### **Prayers for others**

CH4 167 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

#### We bless one another (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** *Cornet Voluntary* William Walond (1725–1770)



Welcoming elder Laurent Djamen Ushers Antoinette Djamen, Arthur Griffith Reader Mary Quément Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald Choir Páraic Réamonn

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

#### International Presbytery Bible study, March 23, April 8, May 6, 20, June 2, 19h30, online Details: *internationalpresbytery.org/events* To join: email *dlloyd@churchofscotland.org.uk*

**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. See *bit.ly/47Ln0sT* 

March 25, 19h30, Congregational Committee March 26, 19h30, Kirk Session May 8-11, Cursillo weekend, Le Cénacle, Promenade Charles-Martin 17, Geneva 1208. See *bit.ly/3F6URDy* and (to apply) *bit.ly/3Xt5IOl* June 1, Annual Congregational Meeting



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