



Second Sunday in  
**Easter**

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**WELCOME**



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*Auditoire de Calvin, April 27 2025*

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## **Prelude** *Pastorale*

Domenico Scarlatti (1685–1757)

## **Introit** *A brighter dawn is breaking*

Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

## **Welcome**

## **Call to worship** *Psalm 57*

*I will sing and make music.*

*Wake up, soul;*

*Wake up with lyre and harp!*

*With these I shall wake up the dawn itself!*

*I will publicly give you thanks, Lord,  
and sing your praise among the nations,  
for your unfailing love reaches up to the  
heavens.*

## **CH4 449** *Rejoice! the Lord is King*

## **Prayer & the Lord's Prayer**

## **All Age Talk**

## **CH4 404** *Lord of the dance*

## **New Testament** *1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

**Offering** *Today in triumph God the Son*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

**CH4 807** (as the offering is brought forward)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

### **Prayer of Dedication**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*Pope Francis (1936–2025)*

**CH4 152** *Praise the Lord his glories show*

### **Sermon**

**CH4 198** *Let us build a house*

**Choir:** *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands*  
Martin Luther (1483–1546)

## **Prayers for others**

### **For everyone born...(CH4 685)**

*And God will delight*

*When we are creators of justice and joy,*

*yes, God will delight,*

*When we are creators of justice,*

*Justice and joy!*

**CH4 169** *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet*

## **We sing**

*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 (CH4 786)*

## **Benediction & threefold Amen**

**Postlude** Variations on Handel's theme,  
*Daughter of Zion, rejoice!*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)



*Welcoming elder* Nicola Hollyman

*Ushers* Pamela King, Jürg Strittmatter

*Reader* Jürg Strittmatter

*Organ* Rebecca Dirks MacDonald

*Choir* Páraic Réamonn

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

## Notices

**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.

**Partage** Collection on the first Sunday of each month. A list of suitable items can be found at the back of the church. Thank you!

**May 4**, Laurence's last service in the Auditoire; followed by a farewell event for Laurence and Lindy. RSVP to Christine Buhler ([buhlerchristine@hotmail.com](mailto:buhlerchristine@hotmail.com)) before May 1!

**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>

**May 6, 20, & June 3, 19h30**

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**June 1**, Preacher, Rev Graham Austin (Rotterdam), followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting.



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