



Fourth Sunday in  
**Easter**

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The Church of Scotland

**WELCOME**



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*Auditoire de Calvin, May 11 2025*

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**Prelude** *Adagio* John Bennett (1735-1784)

**Introit** *A grateful heart is what I bring* (tune, Rockingham)

## **Welcome**

### **Call to worship**

*He who sits on the throne will shelter them  
with his presence.*

*Never again will they hunger;*

*never again will they thirst.*

*The sun will not beat down on them,*

*nor any scorching heat*

*For the Lamb at the centre of the throne*

*will be their shepherd;*

*he will lead them to springs of living water.*

*And God will wipe away every tear from their  
eyes.*

*Revelation 7: 15-17*

## **Collect**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**CH4 192** *All my hope on God is founded*

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

## **Children's talk**

**CH4 510** *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

## **Old Testament** *Jeremiah 10: 1-13*

Hear what the LORD says to you, people of Israel. This is what the LORD says: "Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them.

For the practices of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails

so it will not totter. Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak; they

must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good.” No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not fear you, King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you. They are all senseless and foolish; they are taught by worthless wooden idols. Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz. What the craftsman and goldsmith have made is then dressed in blue and purple—all made by skilled workers. But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath. “Tell them this: ‘These gods, who did not make the heavens and the earth, will perish from the earth and from under the heavens.’” But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

**Gospel** *John 4:21-26, 39-42*

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world."

**Offering** *Jesus, priceless treasure* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

### **Prayer of dedication**

*"Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6*

**CH4 604** *Holy wisdom, lamp of learning*

## **SERMON**

**CH4 702** *Lord, in love and perfect wisdom*

### **Prayers for others**

**CH4 512** *To God be the glory, great things he has done!*

### **Benediction & threefold Amen**

**Postlude** *Allegro (Organ Concerto in g minor)*  
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

*Worship Leader* Ewart Mackenzie  
*Welcoming elder* Jane McKenzie  
*Ushers* Everett Jessop, Jason Leger  
*Reader* Makota Ikeda  
*Organ & piano* Rebecca Dirks MacDonald  
*Choir* Peter Tulloch

**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, the Geneva Foodbank**

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](http://bit.ly/47Ln0sT)

**May 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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