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The Church of Scotland

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Auditoire de Calvin, August 3 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We stand to sing. After the doxology, we remain standing for the prayer of dedication. After the final hymn, we remain standing for the benediction and threefold Amen.

Prelude *In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

Tokuo Yamaguchi (1900–1995)

Welcome

Call to worship

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

When Christ who is our life is revealed, then we also will be revealed with him in glory.

Strip off the old self with its practices and clothe yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

In that renewal, there is no longer Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved or free, but Christ is all and in all!

They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

(from Colossians 3, Revelation 7)

CH4 654 *“Lift up your hearts”*

Opening prayer

Collect (together)

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry

with the bread of his life

and the word of his kingdom.

Renew us your people with your heavenly

grace, and in all our weakness

sustain us by the true and living bread,

Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament *Ecclesiastes* 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity...

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind... I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms *Psalm 49* *Our hope, our life are in the Lord.*

1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord,
the God we honour and confess.

Why crave renown or opulence?

They fade, those things we now possess.

2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power,
but what they cherish will decay;
and still the ransom for a soul
remains a price too great to pay.

3 Though wealth or learning may be ours,
or fame that spreads throughout the land,
the shackles of mortality
prevent so much that we have planned.

4 Beyond this age of shame and sham
we glimpse a better destiny:
the Lord will lift us free from death
to dwell in praise eternally.

Martin E. Leckebusch (b. 1962)

Tune CH4 234 *O Waly, Waly*

Gospel *Luke* 12:13–21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard

against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sermon – *Genocide and grace*

CH4 624 *In Christ, there is no east or west*

Offering

Music *Deep Indigo*. Geoff Warren

Doxology (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of dedication

CH4 655 *For your generous providing*

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise ...

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Peace

Prayer (together)

*O God, giver of life and health,
your Son Jesus Christ has called us
to hunger and thirst to see right prevail.
Strengthened by this sacrament,
may we go out to serve him in our neighbours:
and may we not grow weary in well-doing;
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen.*

Hymn *Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!*

1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder,
all creation stand amazed.

In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;

Jesus is our strong companion—
joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus,
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

God the First and Last is with us.

Sing hosanna, every one!

Brian Wren (b. 1936). Tune Lux Tremenda

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Allegro* (from Sonata in C major)

Johann Sebastian Bach



Join us for refreshments after the
service in the Salle Théodore de Bèze
upstairs

Worship leader Rev Páraic Réamonn
Welcoming elder Christine Buhler
Ushers Ellen Walker, Lyndsey Bochaton
Readers Makota Ikeda, Mary Quément
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Flute Judith Peacock

Partage, the Geneva foodbank

Collection on the first Sunday of each month, but *not* in August. A list of suitable items can be found at the back of the church or on our website. See bit.ly/47Ln0sT

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.

September 22, 7h30 Kirk session, in the manse, with the interim moderator

September 26, 9h to 17h Congregational away day, together with the Scots Kirk, Lausanne, in Arzier-les-Muids. Details in our calendar: bit.ly/3JfbzCA

October 10-12 International Presbytery, Amsterdam

November 22 St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh



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