



Sunday between August 7 and August 13 inclusive

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The Church of Scotland

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Auditoire de Calvin, August 10 2025

Ninth 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 *Adagio e dolce* (3rd Trio Sonata)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Come, rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!* Fred R Anderson (b.1941) *Psalm 33*

Welcome

Call to worship

It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me.

Gal 2:20f, 5:25; Matt 24:42; Revelation 3:20

CH4 162 *The God of Abraham praise*

Opening prayer

Prayer of the day

Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit

to be the life and light of your church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament *Genesis 15:1–6*

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.

Psalm 33: *Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord*

1 Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord,
In song your voices raise;
Awake the harp and psaltery,
Lift up God’s name in praise!
For by God’s word the heavens
Were hung; the sea, the land,
And all that fill the firmament
Were made at God’s command.
2 Let ev’ry nation of the earth
Unite with one accord,
And humbly lay their heartfelt prayers
In awe before the Lord.
How happy are God’s children,
How blest God’s chosen heirs,
For surely an inheritance
Of glory shall be theirs!
3 Behold, God’s ever-watchful eye
Sees through our dark despair;
The arms of Grace encircle us
With strong, yet tender care;
The hope of countless ages,
Who sets at peace our fears,
God’s mercy and compassion
Shall follow all our years.

Michael Morgan (b.1948) Tune Forest Green

New Testament *Hebrews 11:1, 8–16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen ...

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one

person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel *Luke 12:32–40*

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Sermon – *All manner of thing shall be well*

CH4 473 *“Thy kingdom come” – on bended knee the passing ages pray*

Offering

Music *God's Son has come*

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679–1735)

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

GWA 127 *Holy Spirit, living breath of God.*

1 Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2 Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty (b. 1974), Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Prayers for the world and its people

The Lord's Prayer

CH4 468 *Son of God, eternal Saviour*

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)



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

Dramatis personae

Worship leader Rev Páraic Réamonn

Welcoming elder Laurent Djamen

Ushers Freda Craeye, Lyndsey Bochaton

Readers Alex Craeye, Mary Quément

Prayers Eleanor Strittmatter

Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald

Our congregational lunch starts again on Sunday August 31, and our Partage collection on Sunday September 7

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 16, 19h30 Congregational committee

September 22, 19h30 Kirk session, in the manse, with the interim moderator

September 23 & October 21, 19h30

International Presbytery seminars for those leading prayers of intercession in worship

September 27, 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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