

Sunday between September 4 and September 10 inclusive

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The Church of Scotland

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Auditoire de Calvin, September 7 2025

Thirteenth 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 *Sursum Corda*

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Introit *Where charity and love prevail* (John 13:34) Omer Westendorf (1916–1997)

Welcome

Call to worship

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sin.

We have set our hope on the living God, who is the saviour of all.

2 Cor 5:18, 19; 1 John 4:10; 1 Timothy 4:10

CH4 124 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

Opening prayer

Prayer of the day (together)

**Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Children's talk

CH4 145 *God made me as I am*

Old Testament *Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

[Moses said to the Israelites] “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and

you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

CH1 *How blest are those who do not stray*

Gospel *Luke 14:25–33*

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Sermon – *Three days of Easter*

CH4 243 *Touch the earth lightly*

Offering Music *Kyrie (extract)*

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

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 501 *Take this moment, sign, and space*

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.

Prayer of thanksgiving 1

CH4 651 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Prayer of thanksgiving 2

The Lord's Prayer

Solo *Agnus Dei*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Prayers for the world and its people

(together)

God of glory,

the end of our searching,

we your people have recalled and

celebrated the one true sacrifice

**that takes away our sins and brings pardon
and peace:**

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel

**and help us to lay aside all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,**

through our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ above all peace

be with you.

Amen.

CH4 453 *Christ, of God unseen the image*

Blessing and threefold Amen

Choir

CH4 798 *The peace of the earth be with you*

Postlude *Alla Marcia* John Ireland

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

Worship leader Rev Páraic Réamonn
Welcoming elder Nicola Hollyman
Ushers Pamela King, Vivien Liu
Readers Nan Braunschweiger, Nicola Hollyman
Organ Peter Billington
Sunday Schol Cornis Van der Lugt, Karie Bate
Refreshments Christina Moses Passini,
Lyndsey Bochaton

Our monthly Partage collection starts again today

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

Newsletter Contributions to Páraic Réamonn (paraic.reamonn@gmail.com) by September 12

September 16, 19h30 Congregational committee, on Zoom

September 22, 14h Book club in Café Papon. All are welcome to join in discussing *Dream Counts* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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

September 23 & October 21, 19h30 (Zoom) International Presbytery seminars for those leading prayers of intercession in worship. Contact ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk

September 27, 9h to 17h Congregational away day with the Scots Kirk, Lausanne, in Arzier-les-Muids. Details bit.ly/3JfbzCA

October 10-12 International Presbytery, Amsterdam

November 22 St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh

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