



Second Sunday in  
**Lent**

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**WELCOME**



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*Auditoire de Calvin, March 1 2026*

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**Prelude** *Cantabile*, César Franck (1822–1890)

**Introit** *Before I take the body of my Lord* (CH4 658)

John L Bell, *b.* 1948 & Graham Maule, *b.* 1958

**Welcome**

**GWA 42** *God welcomes all*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends,

God's love is strong, and it never ends.

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**Call to worship** *Psalm 121* NRSV

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will  
my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made  
heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; he who  
keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor  
sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your  
shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day nor the  
moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will  
keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your  
coming in from this time on and  
forevermore.**

**CH4 81** *I to the hills will lift mine eyes*

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Collect** (said by all)

**Holy God,**

**whose wild Spirit's breath**

**defies our frozen idols:**

**take the night time of our fear**

**and make it a welcoming womb**

**for us and all the world;**

**through Jesus Christ,**

**in whom we are born anew. Amen**

**Old Testament** *Genesis 12 1–4a*

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your  
country and your kindred and your father's  
house to the land that I will show you. I will

make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

### **All-age song**

**CH4 560** *One more step along the world I go*

### **Gospel** *John 3 1–17*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**GWA 27** *My soul rejoices in the Lord*

1 My soul rejoices in the Lord; my God gives strength to me.

I feel my heart within me soar at God's great victory.

O God, you are the Holy One! You are the Rock I trust.

I sing with joy what you have done — for you've delivered us.

2 O God, you turn the world around and make things fresh and new.

The proud and mighty are cast down; the poor find life in you.

See! Those who ate till they were stuffed are searching now for bread,  
while those who never had enough feast at your table spread.

3 The burdens that we long have known by grace are cast away.

You lift the poor to sit on thrones and bring a just, new day.

The ones who grieve what might have been are finding ways to be  
the blessing-bearers, loving kin, in your community.

4 This song was Hannah's joyful shout of wonder and surprise.

Young Mary, too, would sing it out, that you change people's lives.

May we remember all you do — and your surprising ways.

May acts of love and justice, too, grow from our songs of praise.

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961, USA)*

*Tune Seven Joys of Mary (CH4 340, 566)*

**Sermon**

**The Apostles' Creed** (said by all)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of**

the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering Music** *Pastorale* on Rockingham  
Norman Gilbert (1912–1975)

### **Doxology**

*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*

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**CH4 656** *I come with joy, a child of God*

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.**

**Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession  
including The Lord's Prayer**

**CH4 485** *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

**Benediction and threefold Amen**

**Postlude** *Fantasia in g minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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



*The Church of Scotland,  
Geneva, is linked with the Scots  
Kirk, Lausanne*

*Worship leader* Scott McCarthy  
*Welcoming elder* Rosaleen Walker  
*Usher* Clarimond Anyangwe  
*Readers* Nicola Hollyman, Rosemary Hill  
*Organ* Rebecca Dirks MacDonald  
*Choir* Páraic Réamonn  
*Coffee* Jean Murray and Beryl Hobson

**Presbytery Meeting Geneva March 6-8**

Sunday service with presbytery participants.  
Rev Dr Enikő Ferenczy will preach.  
Please join us for a finger food buffet after the service and meet the presbyters

**World Day of Prayer Fri March 6. 12h15**

Scots Kirk, Lausanne. Liturgy written by  
Christian women of Nigeria

**Sunday March 8** retiring offering for  
Swisshearts (<https://swisshearts.org/en/>) in  
aid of families of those affected by the Crans-  
Montana tragedy

**International Presbytery Bible study**

**Mondays** Mar 9, 23; Apr 13, 27; May 11  
19h30–20h30. Contact Christine Colliar  
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