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Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany



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Prelude Variation on Prelude, by César Franck (1822-1890)

Introit There's a spirit in the air
Brian Wren (b. 1936)

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

Opening responses, alternate verses

Psalm 112.1-9 NRSV

Blessings of the Righteous

1 Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses, and
their righteousness endures forever.

4 **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

5 It is well with those who deal generously and
lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

6 **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

8 **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

9 They have distributed freely; they have given
to the poor; their righteousness endures
forever;

their horn is exalted in honour.

CH4 264 Judge Eternal, throned in splendour

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Collect (said by all)

**Israel's jealous God,
giver of love's law,
in whom there is no blandness,
no dullness of oppression;
liberate us
from all that numbs compassion
to find in your commands
light undimmed
and flavour unrestrained;
through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law.**

Amen.

Old Testament Isaiah 58:1-12

God Challenges Israel

False and True Worship

1 Shout out; do not hold back!

 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet day after day they seek me

 and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised
righteousness and did not forsake the
ordinance of their God; they ask of me
righteous judgments;

 they want God on their side.

3 "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

 Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on
your fast day and oppress all your workers.

4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to
strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you
do today will not make your voice heard on
high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to
humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head
like a bulrush

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call
this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the
bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the
yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break
every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them and
not to hide yourself from your own kin?

8 Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of
the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

All-age song GWA 62 Bring it all to me

Anything excited, anything inspired,
bring it all, bring it all to me.
Everything that's lazy, everything that's tired,
bring it all, bring it all to me.
Anything that rages, anything that screams,
bring it all, bring it all to me.
Everything that wonders, everything that
dreams, bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything
You can bring me everything
Just bring it all bring it all to me*

Anything that's easy, anything that's hard,
bring it all, bring it all to me.
Everything that's perfect, everything that's
scarred,
bring it all, bring it all to me.
Anything you're proud of, anything you're not,
bring it all, bring it all to me.
Everything you're hiding, everything you've got,
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything
You can bring me everything
Just bring it all bring it all to me*

I know how you feel, because I know you.
I know how you feel, because I made you.
Anything that matters, anything that's real,
bring it all, bring it all to me.
Everything you treasure, everything you feel,
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything
You can bring me everything
Just bring it all bring it all to me*

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Gospel Matthew 5.13-20

Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

CH4 252 As a fire is meant for burning

Sermon

CH4 362 Heaven shall not wait

Offering

“Praise God, you Christians all together”
by Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679-1735)

Doxology: CH4 807

*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*

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession including The Lord's Prayer

GWA 180 When the wheel of fate is turning

1. When the wheel of fate is turning and the mills of God grind slow;
when the past seems more attractive than the future we don't know;
when our confidence is waning and we lack security,
comes the timeless word of Jesus that the truth will set us free.

2. Is it war or economics, is it danger or deceit,
is it unforeseen depression, fear of failure to complete?

Have the times which once were changing led where no one wants to be?

Shall we live by lies on offer or the truth that sets us free?

3. With real faith there will be doubting, and with loss there will be grief;
no one knows the contradictions which will exercise belief.

Against conflicts life might bring us God provides no guarantee,
just this word of hope and healing: know that truth will set you free.

4. So, dear Jesus, make us willing to unmask convenient lies,
to protest wherever power closes conscience, ears and eyes;
and release our expectations of your kingdom, yet to be,
born in courage, joy and justice and the truth that sets us free.

Words & Music by John L. Bell (b. 1949).

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude Prelude in b minor, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Worship leader Rev Scott McCarthy
Welcoming elder Mak Ikeda*

Ushers Sherree Atkinson-Bret
Reader Mak Ikeda & Jean Murray
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir Paraic Reamonn
Sunday School Cornis Van der Lugt
Refreshments Stephanie Fitzjames & Lyndsey Bochaton

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.

February to May. Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living

The Ignatian Spirituality Community-Geneva invites us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, reflection, and lived experience.

The programme provides opportunities to :

- reflect on our understanding of God and self
- become aware of the many ways God communicates with us
- try different methods of prayer as tools for engaging in conversation with God
- develop a personal spirituality that integrates prayer into daily life.

Four Saturdays: February 21, March 28, April 25, and May 23

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