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Easter Sunday



The Church of Scotland

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Prelude *Trumpet Voluntary*

Henry Heron (1738–1795)

Introit *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (CH3 572)*

Welcome

GWA 42 *God welcomes all (x 3)*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

Call to worship *(from Psalm 118)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures for ever.”

The LORD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

CH4 410 Jesus Christ is risen today

Prayers of adoration and confession

Collect (said by all)

Lord of life and power,

**through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
You have overcome death and opened the
gate of everlasting life.**

**Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to
you in Jesus Christ,**

may reign with Him in glory

who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament *Psalm 118: 1–2, 14–24*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of
the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All age song CH4 404 *Lord of the dance*

Gospel *Matthew 28: 1–10*

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

GWA 125 *See, what a morning*

1. See what a morning, gloriously bright
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

2. See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to
us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with
certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has
conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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 *Panis Angelicus*

César Franck (1822–1890)

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 Lord's Supper

CH4 392 *When I survey the wondrous cross*

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.

During communion, the choir will sing *Day of
delight and beauty unbounded*

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

including The Lord's Prayer

CH4 419 *Thine be the glory*

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary*

Jeremiah Clarke (1674–1707)

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

Worship leader Derek Munn

Welcoming elder Jane Broere

Usher Vivien Liu

Readers Mary Quément, Peter Tulloch

Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald

Choir Páraic Réamonn

Coffee Chris Sutton, Vivien Liu

Partage Collection for the *Geneva food bank*
on the first Sunday of the month

International presbytery Bible study, Lent to

Pentecost Mondays Apr 13, 27; May 11

19h30–20h30. For details, Christine Colliar

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Ignatian Spirituality April 17–19

The Geneva community invites us to a

weekend silent retreat in Saint Maurice.

For details freda.craeye@gmail.com

21st Israeli-Palestinian joint memorial ceremony April 20, 19h30 Geneva time. Organized by Combatants for Peace and the Parents Circle Families Forum, this offers a unique opportunity for Israelis and Palestinians to grieve together and model another way forward. To register afcfp.org/2026-joint-memorial-day-ceremony



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