



Sunday between October 16 and October 22 inclusive

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## Proper 24 (29)



The Church of Scotland

# WELCOME



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*Auditoire de Calvin, October 19 2025*

*Nineteenth 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** *Tierce en taille issue de la Messe des Couvents*, François Couperin (1668-1733)

**Introit** *Come, rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous* (Psalm 33:1-12, paraphrased by Fred R Anderson, b.1941)

## Welcome

### Call to worship

What does the Lord require of us?

**To fear the Lord our God.**

What does the Lord require of us?

**To walk in all his ways.**

What shall we give to the Lord?

**To serve him with heart and soul.**

**CH4 153** *Great is their faithfulness*

### Prayer and Collect

**All Faithful God,**

**by whose unchanging will the seasons change,**

**and our lives unfold according to your plan,**

**open our eyes to see all your works,**

**our hearts to know all your wonders,**

**and our wills to follow where you lead,**

**through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen**

**Setting the Scene** *The Majic Playpiece* (John Bell and Graham Maule)

**Song** *Who took fish and bread*

Who took fish and bread, hungry people fed?

Who changed water into wine?

Who made well the sick, who made see the blind?

Who touched earth with feet divine?

Only Jesus, only Jesus, only he has done this:

Who made live the dead? Truth and kindness spread?

Only Jesus did all this.

Who soared through the air? Joined his father there?

He has you and me in view:

He, who this has done, is God's only son,

And he's interested in you.

Only Jesus, only Jesus, only he has done this:

He can change a heart, give a fresh new start,

Only he can do all this.

## **Old Testament** *Deuteronomy 10: 12-22*

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

## **CH4 31** *I waited patiently for God*

### **Gospel** *John 6: 1-21*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them

up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

**Sermon** *Can I believe it?*

**Hymn** *I know not why God's wondrous grace*

1 I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known;  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own.

**Chorus:**

But I know whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.

2 I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart;  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.

[Chorus]

3 I know not how the Spirit moves,  
Convincing men of sin;  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in Him.

[Chorus]

4 I know not when my Lord may come,  
At night or noontide fair;  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,  
Or meet Him in the air.

[Chorus]

as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so

## Offering

**Music** *Largo issu de la Sonate IV* Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714-1788)

**CH4 807** (*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

## Prayers for the world and its people

**CH4 352ii** *O for a thousand tongues*

## Benediction & threefold Amen

**Postlude** *Fugue à la gigue*, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



*Please join us upstairs in the  
Salle Théodore de Bèze for  
refreshments!*

*Welcoming elder* Laurent Djamen

*Worship leader* Robert Simpson

*Ushers* Arthur Griffith, Vivien Liu

*Readers* Nan Braunschweiger, Mary Quément

*Organ* Constance Taillard

*Choir* Páraic Réamonn

*Coffee* Sherree Atkinson, Rosemary Hill

**October 21, 19h30** (Zoom) International Presbytery seminar for everyone interested in leading prayers for the world and its people  
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**November 2:** Partage collection

**November 19:** Harvest Thanksgiving service

**November 22:** 9h30 to 15h St Andrew's Fair  
19h to 22h Cèilidh. Adults CHF35, children under 12 free. Salle communale des Delices, rte de Colovrex 20, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex

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