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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude *O lamm gottes,*
unschuldig Johannes Sebastian Bach

Introit Awake, awake: fling off the night!

Welcome

Call to worship

In the assembly of all your people, Lord,
I told the good news that you save us.

You know that I will never stop telling it.

I have not kept the news of salvation to myself;
I have always spoken of your faithfulness and
help.

**In the assembly of all your people I have not
been silent**

about your loyalty and constant love.

Source: Psalm 40: 9-10

CH4 87 Lord, from the depths of thee I cried
Psalm 130

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

All ages talk

Old Testament 1 Samuel 17: 41-54

The Philistine Goliath started walking toward David, with his shield bearer walking in front of him. He kept coming closer, and when he got a good look at David, he was filled with scorn for him because he was just a nice, good-looking boy. He said to David, "What's that stick for? Do you think I'm a dog?" And he called down curses from his god on David. "Come on," he challenged David, "and I will give your body to the birds and animals to eat."

David answered, "You are coming against me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the Israelite armies, which you have defied. This very day the Lord will put you in my power; I will defeat you and cut off your head. And I will give the bodies of the Philistine soldiers to the birds and animals to eat. Then the whole world will know that Israel has a God, and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his

people. He is victorious in battle, and he will put all of you in our power.”

Goliath started walking toward David again, and David ran quickly toward the Philistine battle line to fight him. He reached into his bag and took out a stone, which he slung at Goliath. It hit him on the forehead and broke his skull, and Goliath fell face downward on the ground. And so, without a sword, David defeated and killed Goliath with a sling and a stone! He ran to him, stood over him, took Goliath's sword out of its sheath, and cut off his head and killed him.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they ran away. The men of Israel and Judah shouted and ran after them, pursuing them all the way to Gath and to the gates of Ekron. The Philistines fell wounded all along the road that leads to Shaaraim, as far as Gath and Ekron. When the Israelites came back from pursuing the Philistines, they looted their camp. David got Goliath's head and took it to Jerusalem, but he kept Goliath's weapons in his own tent.

CH4 562 Through the love of God, our Saviour

Gospel Matthew 17: 14-21

When they returned to the crowd, a man came to Jesus, knelt before him, and said, “Sir, have mercy on my son! He is an epileptic and has such terrible attacks that he often falls in the fire or into water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”

Jesus answered, “How unbelieving and wrong you people are! How long must I stay with you? How long do I have to put up with you? Bring the boy here to me!” Jesus gave a command to the demon, and it went out of the boy, and at that very moment he was healed.

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked him, “Why couldn't we drive the demon out?”

“It was because you do not have enough faith,” answered Jesus. “I assure you that if you have faith as big as a mustard seed, you can say to this hill, ‘Go from here to there!’ and it will go. You could do anything!”

Sermon

CH4 237 Look forward in faith

Offering Music *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*
Johann Philipp Kirnberger

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

Prayer of dedication

CH4 99 Oh, hear my prayer, Lord
Psalm 143 (ii), verses 1, 4, 6-8, 10
The Scottish Psalter, 1929

Prayers for others

CH4 153 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my
Father

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Postlude in G Major* Charles John
Stanley

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

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is linked with
the Scots Kirk, Lausanne*

Worship leader Ewart MacKenzie

Welcoming elder Alex Craeye

Usher Amy Petty

Readers Arthur Askew, Mak Ikeda

Organ Linda Revkin

Coffee Chris Sutton, Sandy Cunningham

International Presbytery Bible study

(Lent–Pentecost) Simeon’s words in Christ’s life, death & resurrection.

Mondays Feb 23; Mar 9, 23; Apr 13, 27; May 11. 19h30–20h30. Contact: Christine Colliar ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk

Ignatian Spirituality Community, Geneva

Saturdays Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23

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