



Sunday between October 23 and October 29 inclusive

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Proper 25 (30)



The Church of Scotland

WELCOME



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Auditoire de Calvin, October 26 2025

Twentieth 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 *Récit de Nazard (Suite du deuxième ton)*, Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749)

Introit CH4 5 (*Psalm 8*) *When I look up and see the stars*

Welcome

Call to worship

God said, "Let there be light"

And there was light

And God saw that it was good

God said, "Let there be plants, great lights, and animals"

And it was so

And God saw that it was good

God said "Let us create mankind in our image"

Male and female he created them

And God saw that it was very good.

CH4 112 *God whose almighty word*

Prayer

Collect

Mighty and gracious God

Quicken our conscience by your holiness

Feed our minds with your truth

Purge our imagination by your beauty

Open our hearts to your love,

That we may be able to follow you

With all our will and strength,

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord

Amen

Setting the Scene *Enough love for everyone*

Song *There are hundreds of sparrows*

There are hundreds of sparrows, thousands, millions,

They're two a penny, far too many there must be;

There are hundreds and thousands, millions of sparrows,

But God knows every one and God knows me.

There are hundreds of flowers, thousands,
millions,
And flowers fair the meadows wear for all to see;
There are hundreds and thousands, millions of
flowers,
But God knows every one and God knows me.

There are hundreds of children, thousands,
millions,
And yet their names are written on God's memory,
There are hundreds and thousands, millions of
children,
But God knows every one and God knows me!
But God knows every one and God knows me.

Old Testament *Isaiah 6: 1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

CH4 52 *How lovely is thy dwelling place* (*Psalm 84*)

Gospel *John 15: 18-16:15*

[*Jesus said to his disciples:*] "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Slaves are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account

of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have said these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Sermon *Don't ask me*

CH4 202 *Stand up and bless the Lord*

Offering

Music *I stand at the threshold” (Arioso)*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 396 *And can it be (Sagina)*

Benediction & threefold Amen

Postlude *Fugue in C, Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685-1750)



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

*Lunch today – all proceeds to go to
International Presbytery Mission
Project – Mediterranean Hope*
<https://www.mediterraneanhope.com/en/english/>

Who's Who

Worship leader Robert Simpson

Welcoming elder Lyndsey Bochaton

Ushers Arthur and Hazel Griffith

Readers Páraic Réamonn, Mak Ikeda

Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald

Choir Páraic Réamonn

Coffee Rosaleen and Robert Walker

November 1 Scots Kirk Lausanne Bazaar

November 2 Partage collection

November 9 Remembrance Sunday

November 9 12h00 Election of Nominating Committee for Associate Minister, Geneva

November 16 Harvest Thanksgiving

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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