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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship leader Rev David Cameron

Prelude *Grand Plein Jeu* from *Suite du Premier Ton*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676–1749)

Introit *In the darkness, we were waiting* (GWA 137)

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

To this sanctuary we come today, Lord, from across the nations, from across the city, and together say, “We too would like to see Jesus.”

CH4 512 *To God be the glory!*

Opening prayer

Collect (together)

To see Jesus the son, born in Bethlehem; Jesus the teacher, wandering through Galilee; Jesus the leader, calling, ‘Come follow me’;; Jesus the redeemer from cross to grave to sky. To see Jesus as such – this is our hope and prayer.

All-age time *We want to see Jesus, but what does he look like?*

CH4 694 *Brother, sister, let me serve you*
(Higher voices v3; lower voices v4)

Old Testament *Isaiah 61:1–3*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion –

to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

New Testament *1 Corinthians 15:12–20*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel *Matthew 2:1–12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went

the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

and *Luke 4:14–21*

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the
captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

CH4 392 *When I survey the wondrous cross*
(3rd verse unaccompanied)

Sermon *Celebrating the wonders of Jesus the Son*

Offering

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Doxology (CH4 808)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God, the Trinity of love

Before, beneath, around, above. Amen.

Dedication of offering

Prayers for others

Apostles Creed (together, standing)
*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.*

CH4 655 *For your generous providing
(tune CH4 716)*

The Lord's Supper

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...**

Choir *My days are in your hand* (GWA 169)

Hymn *In Christ alone*

1 In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;

this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my comforter, my all in all;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones he came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay;
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ!

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction and Celtic blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

*the rains fall soft upon your fields and gardens
and, until we meet again,*

*may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hold you
in the palm of His hand.*

Threefold Amen

The Irish Blessing (sung)

1. May the road rise up to meet you. May the
wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face; the
rains fall soft upon your fields.

Refrain

*And until we meet again, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

2. May the sun make your days bright. May the stars illuminate your nights.

May the flowers bloom along your path,
your house stand firm against the storm.

Refrain

Postlude *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*, from
Solomon

Georg Friedrich Händel (1685–1759)

Worship leader Rev David Cameron

Welcoming elder Makoto Ikeda

Usher Lyndsey Bochaton

Readers Mak Ikeda, Rosaleen Walker

Organ Denis Steffen

Choir Páraic Réamonn

Coffee Nan Braunschweiger,
Sandy Cunningham



Notices

Saturday September 26 Joint congregational awayday. Salle communale, Dullier

Saturday October 3 9h to 17h, *Journey into joy* (Ignatian Way), Chateau de Bossey, Céligny
Contact Patricia Laurie, vervel10@gmail.com

Monday October 5 14h30, Book Club in the Salle to discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey
Contact gillianfriedli@bluewin.ch

October 8-11 *Cursillo* weekend, Le Cénacle, Promenade Charles-Martin 17, 1208 Genève
Contact paraic.reamonn@gmail.com

Saturday November 7 St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh. Salle des Délices, Grand-Saconnex

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