



Sunday between October 2 and October 8 inclusive

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Auditoire de Calvin, October 4 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Adagio for strings*

Samuel Barber (1910–1981)

Introit *O holy, heavenly kingdom (GWA 139)*

Welcome and Notices

Call to worship

Lord Jesus, light of the world;

Shine wherever darkness lurks.

Lord Jesus, light to the nations;

Brighten the lives of your people.

Let your light bring warmth and hope to the
whole of creation

and let it shine even through us.

CH4 584 *Like fireworks in the night*

Prayer of adoration and confession

Collect *(said together):*

Almighty God, we are loved and cherished. You do not count our misdeeds against us. Instead, you promise that if we turn to you, your forgiveness will wash over us. Cleanse us now by the power of your Holy Spirit, and set us free to worship you in spirit and in truth. To your eternal glory. Amen.

All-age time

CH4 81 *I to the hills will lift mine eyes*
(Psalm 121)

Old Testament *1 Kings 19:1–18 (CEB)*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, how he had killed all Baal's prophets with the sword. Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah with this message: "May the gods do whatever they want to me if by this time tomorrow I haven't made your life like the life of one of them."

Elijah was terrified. He got up and ran for his life. He arrived at Beer-sheba in Judah and left his assistant there. He himself went farther on into the desert a day's journey. He finally sat down under a solitary broom bush. He longed for his own death: "It's more than enough,

Lord! Take my life because I'm no better than my ancestors." He lay down and slept under the solitary broom bush.

Then suddenly a messenger tapped him and said to him, "Get up! Eat something!" Elijah opened his eyes and saw flatbread baked on glowing coals and a jar of water right by his head. He ate and drank, and then went back to sleep. The Lord's messenger returned a second time and tapped him. "Get up!" the messenger said. "Eat something, because you have a difficult road ahead of you." Elijah got up, ate and drank, and went refreshed by that food for forty days and nights until he arrived at Horeb, God's mountain. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The Lord's word came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

Elijah replied, "I've been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!"

The Lord said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the Lord. The Lord is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the Lord. But the Lord wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

He said, "I've been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

The Lord said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king

of Aram. Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi's son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat's son, to succeed you as prophet. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. Whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. But I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totalling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him."

A pause...

CH4 606 *Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders*

Reflection

Offering music *Let all together praise our God*
Hans Klotz (1900–1987)

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 prayer / 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 holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

CH4 565 *My life flows on in endless song*

HOLY COMMUNION

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...

*Our prayers will include these words
said together:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil,

for yours is the kingdom, the power and the
glory forever, Amen.

*During the distribution of the bread and wine,
the choir will sing "Author of life divine",
Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

CH4 512 *To God be the glory*

Blessing and threefold Amen

Postlude *Ciacona in e minor*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

*Join us for tea or coffee upstairs in the
Salle Théodore de Bèze after the service!*



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Worship leader Very Rev Susan Brown
Welcoming elder Jane Broere
Usher Sherree Atkinson
Readers Arthur Askew, Páraic Réamonn
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir Peter Jeffes
Coffee Joan Reilly, Vivien Liu

Wednesday worship on Zoom 12h–13h. For the link, or to add your name to the email list, contact ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk

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

November 1 10h, *Reformation Sunday*. We join the service in the Cathédrale de Saint-Pierre

November 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
Cèilidh tickets (adults CHF 35, children under 12 free) must be booked in advance: email ceilidhchurchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com



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