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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Get Prepared For Virtual Communion

This Sunday In Worship!

This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

– **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Sunday morning.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.

– Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.

– **I will gather my own elements at home and lead liturgy as we are used to.** Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, my prayers will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Patrick

Geneva Presbyterian Church

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

10:30am

The Gathering

(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings during worship; the Zoom host will unmute you and mute you as appropriate. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)

Prelude

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

“Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!”
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Come, see the tomb where he was laid.

People: Come touch the stone that was rolled away.

Leader: Come, hear the story of our risen Lord.

All: Come, let us worship the Living God!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Italics sung by Choir | Bold sung by All

#317 (v. 1, 4)

*King of Kings! And Lord of lords!
Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty;
Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King, of Saints.*

*Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord,
And glorify Thy name? For only Thou art holy,
King of kings! And Lord of lords!*

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

*King of kings! and Lord of Lords!
Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified:
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
King of Kings! And Lord of lords!*

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!
*King of Kings! And Lord of lords! Amen!
(Silent Prayer)***

Prayer of Confession (*below in unison, then silent personal prayers*)

God of present help and miracles, we read in scripture of your wondrous works -- but our hearts are too often lukewarm looking for signs in our own lives. We take for granted the way you bless us with new life each day. We scoff, forgetting the power and possibility in Christ's resurrection. We trust the powers and principalities of this world, forgetting that you are the Lord of All Creation.

Holy One, forgive our selfishness, our forgetfulness, and our lack of imagination. Fill us again with hope this morning as we celebrate your love that has no bounds. Encourage us to lay our sinfulness at your feet, not as the accused, but as your beloved children. Lord, hear us in this silence and remind us of your goodness...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

"Gloria Patri"

#734

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns (The Virtual Church recording is turned off during this portion of the service for privacy. We will resume recording after the Lord's Prayer.)

Prayers of the People; The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Holy One, with joy we celebrate the presence of your living Word. In this moment, fill our hearts with the good news of eternal and abundant life in Christ so that we may live it and share it daily. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 16:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Case of the "Butwhattabouts?"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

-- from 1 Corinthians 15, Mark 16, Matthew 16, Revelation 22, and John 20

The Thanksgiving

The Offering

Musical Offering **“Easter from *The Five Mystical Songs*”** *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the people

Communion Prayer

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

#287

***Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.***

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the son of God. **(Refrain)**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **(Refrain)**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **(Refrain)**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **(Refrain)**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the crucified for victory! **(Refrain)**

Charge and Benediction

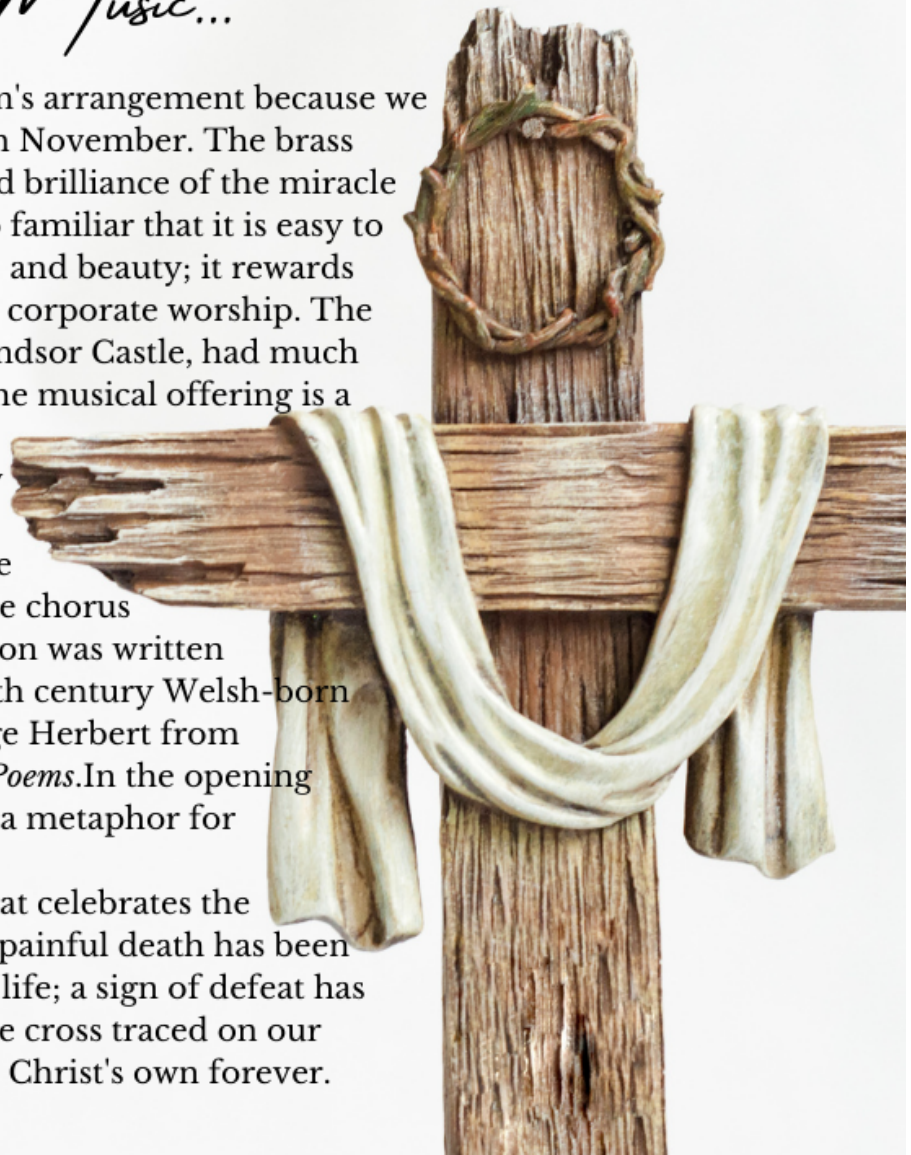
Postlude

About the Music...

You may recognize our opening hymn's arrangement because we used it in our Christ the King Sunday in November. The brass truly ring loud and true the majesty and brilliance of the miracle that is Jesus' resurrection. The text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound. The musical offering is a song set for baritone, SATB choir, and orchestra. You will hear it today by organ, myself, and our choir.

The baritone soloist is prominent in the first four of the Mystical Songs, with the chorus taking a subsidiary role. The composition was written between 1906-1911 and the text is by 17th century Welsh-born English poet and Anglican priest George Herbert from his 1633 collection *"The Temple: Sacred Poems"*. In the opening song, the lute and its music are used as a metaphor for the poet's emotions at Easter.

Lift High the Cross is a majestic hymn that celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.



During Holy Week we have had many musicians join in the resounding of the passion of Christ. Below are the listed musicians who helped make this a very special week for us all:

Palm Sunday: Jennie Weyman, Soprano/Felicity Amos, Alto/Rolf Winch, Tenor

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: Amber Wood, Soprano/Cara Schaefer, Soprano/Alto/
Zoe Kanter, Soprano/Katie Bogdan, Alto/Derrick Truby, Tenor, Baritone
Rolf Winch, Tenor

Easter Sunday: Amber Wood, Soprano/Cara Schaefer, Alto/Rolf Winch, Tenor
Derrick Truby, Baritone



Joyce Harris

In honor of my family: Patrick, Allyson, Malachi, and Bridget McElwaine

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In honor of Pastor Patrick and the staff at Geneva Presbyterian Church

Rhonda Ricci

In memory of Alicia Beach and Linda Fowler

Jim and Sara Torrence

In memory of Loved Ones

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Ben Shaver

In memory of Ryan Shaver

Amanda White

In honor of Noah White

Amanda White

In honor of Megan White

Renee Moloznik

In memory of Terry Moloznik

Renee Moloznik

In memory of Michael & Esther Moloznik

Renee Moloznik

In memory of A.B. Leicht

Eleanor and Brian Rasmussen

Happy Easter

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Bobbie and Tom Maxwell

Terry and Debbie Dunne

In memory of Van, Yvonne and John Bean

Terry and Debbie Dunne

In memory of Henry Haller

Nancy Morse

Patrick and Allyson McElwaine

In memory of Mary Rose Spriggs

Patrick and Allyson McElwaine

In memory of Casey Francis Spollen

Patrick and Allyson McElwaine

In honor of the entire Geneva family of faith -- we love you dearly!

Janelle Thibau

In memory of Patricia Harris, my sister

Janelle Thibau

In Memory of Mac Morris, my father

Janelle Thibau

In Memory of Janelle Morris, my mother



Names in bold are new prayer list additions.

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva and of Iglesia de Dios El Nuevo Pacto

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

Carol Comissarow;

Dick Sanderson;

Crayton Brock, husband of Bobbie Maxwell's cousin, Janice Brock

Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough;

Maria Lenahan;

Norm Rawson;

Bev Davis;

Henry Haller;

Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Healing and Comfort for

Beverly Pitts Cain, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, surgery from brain tumor

Rachelle, Kyla Lupo's dear friend, and all who work and volunteer at the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants in Chicago;

Jim Torrence, health concerns;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, recovering from COVID-19;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Kristin, a friend in need of prayer;

Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Daniel Ricci, prayers for job search;

George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;

Letitia Denaburg, knee surgery;

Betty Halls, health concerns;

Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci receiving cancer treatment;

Nancy Morse, health concerns;

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;

Linda Hanson, friend of Geneva, health concerns;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, diagnosed with ALS;

Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;

Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Ellie Alexander, health concerns;

Emilia Monte, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, recurring cancer;

Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;

Judith Sadler, mother to Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;

Leland Perthel, recovering from concussion;

Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;

Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Zoë, friend of Bob and Rhonda Ricci, health concerns;

Prayers for Peace

Daniel Kough, son of Jack and Robin Kough, home from Afghanistan.

Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, US Army Special Training

WELCOME TO GENEVA! We welcome you to this church and want you to feel at home. We want you to feel accepted here, and also challenged, even as we invite you to accept and challenge us. If you are new to this community or do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please contact a staff member using any of the emails on the back of today's bulletin.



Birthdays: Laura Wheatley (4/2); Matthew Denaburg (4/3); John Wright (4/11); Dean Allen (4/12); Curtis Allen (4/13); Jake Moloznik (4/14); Steven Dunne (4/20); Corinne Alexander (4/21); Scott Brown (4/24); Luis Galliani (4/25); Rhonda Ricci (4/26); Lauren Heimberg (4/28); Kyla Lupo (4/30); Jimmy Miller (4/30)

This Week at Geneva

Thursday, April 1	7:00pm	Worship – Maundy Thursday Virtual Church
Friday, April 2	12:00pm	Worship – Good Friday Virtual Church
Sunday, April 4	10:30am	Worship – Easter Sunday Virtual Church
Wednesday, April 7	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, April 11	10:30am	Worship – Virtual Church

A BLESSED EASTER

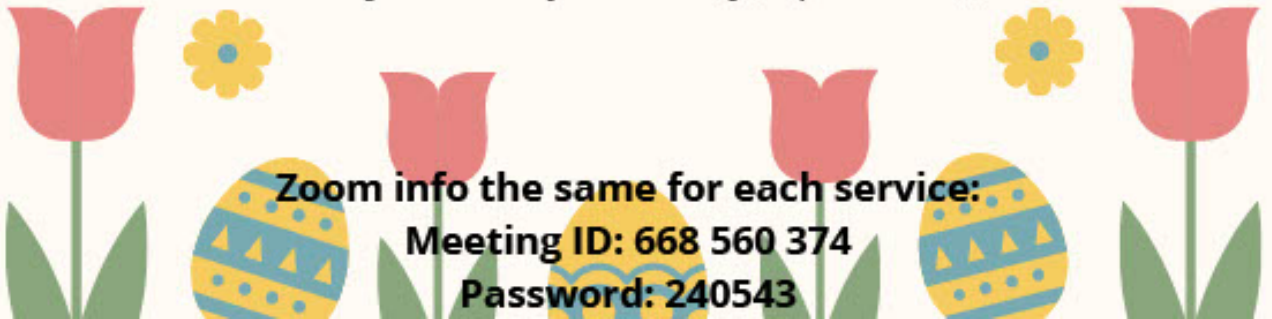
Celebrate the Easter season with
Geneva Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday Worship - Sunday, March 28th @ 10:30am

Maundy Thursday Worship - Thursday, April 1st @ 7:00pm

Good Friday Worship - Friday, April 2nd @ 12:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 4th @ 10:30am



- **Pastor Patrick on Vacation**

Pastor Patrick will be on vacation April 5 – April 11. If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon. Many thanks to Sara Sadler for leading worship on April 11!



- **Lent Flowerpots Are Blooming!**

The herb seeds planted in my Lent flowerpot are beginning to bloom and here is a picture of Teresa with her first lavender bloom. Let's share pictures of our blooming plants and see the beauty of nature!



Please take a picture of your flowerpot and send it to:

kylalupo@gmail.com or text it to Kyla at **571-340-5683**. Be sure to include your name and the name of the seeds you planted. Kyla will organize our photos for all to see.

Happy Spring!!

Renee Moloznik

- **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY RETURNS APRIL 7TH - WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM EST**

Starting after Easter, join us every Wednesday with Dr. Carolyn Fink on April 7th, **at 7:00pm** as we continue our Virtual Bible study! Everyone is welcome!

If you want to know what we'll be studying, you can check it out here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>





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• Geneva Book Club

The Geneva Book Club has completed their most recent study and will take a break through the month of April. The group will reconvene in May with a new study in the same Friday @ 7:00pm time slot.



- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2SL4E76>

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

Did you know that Geneva Virtual Church videos are recorded and online? Missed a service? Want to share with a friend? A full recording of worship is just a click away!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)



From Pastor Patrick, Ben, and Melissa

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Alice Franks, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Carl Perthel, Daniel Ricci,
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Amanda White,
Elaine Winch

Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,
Allyson McElwaine, Renee Moloznik,
Rosie Perthel, Jessie Ricci, Rhonda Ricci

If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.



Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today



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