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CHRYSTUSA ZBAWICIELA

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd of June 2019
Ascension Day

We welcome all guests at the service in the Presbyterian Community of Christ the Saviour Church in Krakow. We are asking to keep silence in the chapel before the service. Silence allows you to open up before God, enables and accepts the Word of God, helps in adapting to it. For this reason, the silence before and after the service is used for personal prayer.

Reflection before the service

God set apart the seventh day as sacred time. When God handed down the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, He again announced this seventh day, the Sabbath, as holy, a sacred time that would be integral to the life and faith of Israel. In Christian history the sacred time of the Sabbath has three distinct orientations. The first is the commemoration of God's work of creation. The second is the celebration of God's work of redemption. The third is the celebration of the future promise of the consummation of redemption when we enter our Sabbath rest in heaven. Thus the whole scope of redemptive history, from start to finish, is made sacred in the observance of the Sabbath.

R.C. Sproul

PRELUDE

All stand.

Hymn

"Just as I am"

GREETING

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silentium (moment of silence)

Celebrant: Merciful God* we confess that we have sinned against you* in thought, word, and deed,* by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.* We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.* We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.* In your mercy* forgive what we have been,* help us amend what we are,* and direct what we shall be,* so that we may delight in your will* and walk in your ways,* to the glory of your holy name.* Through Christ, our Lord.* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrant: May God in His Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who in His rich mercy promised forgiveness of sins to everyone who comes to Him with sincere and true faith, have mercy on us, redeem us from our sins and confirm us in eternal salvation with the gift of his grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

M. Leontovych (1877-1921)

A-lle-lu-ja, a-lle-lu-ja, a-lle-lu-ja. A-lle-lu-ja, a-lle-lu-ja,
ja, a-lle-lu-ja. A-lle-lu-ja, a-lle-lu-ja, a-lle-lu-ja.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Celebrant: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

All: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Celebrant: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

All: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Celebrant: the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Celebrant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

— Ps. 19:1-2, 8-11, 15

READINGS

Prayer for Illumination

Celebrants: Lord, help us hear your voice that speaks to us through the Holy Bible. Open our hearts and minds so that we can accept your truth into the depths of our soul. Transform us through your power so that we can show your love to the people around you.

All: Lord, your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

First reading

Reader: Isaiah 43:8-13 (page 603).

[...]

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second reading

Reader: Acts 1:1-11 (page 909).

[...]

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All sit.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: In response to the word heard, together with the Christian Church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All stand.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,* the Creator of heaven and earth,* and in Jesus Christ,* His only Son, our Lord,* who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,* born of the Virgin Mary,* suffered under Pontius Pilate,* was crucified, died, and was buried.* He descended into hell.* The third day He arose again from the dead.* He ascended into heaven* and sited at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,* from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.* I believe in the Holy Spirit,* the holy catholic (universal) church,* the communion of saints,* the forgiveness of sins,* the resurrection of the body,* and life everlasting.* Amen.

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: Our Father in heaven,* hallowed be your name,* your kingdom come,* your will be done,* on earth as in heaven.* Give us today our daily bread.* Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.* Lead us not into temptation* but deliver us from evil.* For the kingdom, the power,* and the glory are yours* now and for ever.* Amen.

All stand.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SANCTUS

Words of Institution

Celebrant: ...the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer before Communion

Celebrant: Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (1 Cor. 11:27-28).

All: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:26).

Celebrant: Let us ask the Lord to make us worthy of participating in His supper.

All: I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. (Luke 7:7).

Celebrant: Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed are those who are invited to the Lamb's feast.

Giving of Communion

During the Communion, believers go to the altar to receive the wafer and wine from the celebrant. If you are not a believer, baptized in one of the Christian Churches or for some reason you are not ready to participate in the Communion, we encourage you to spend this time thinking about the sermon preached earlier. We hope that this time will be helpful for you, to consider where you are on the road to your relationship with Jesus Christ and the church that is His family.

PRAYER

The prayer finishes with: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

HYMN

“Revelation Song”

SENDING

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Celebrant: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

All: Amen.

All sit.

POSTLUDE

Postlude is a good time for worshippers to reflect on the Word that they heard preached during the service. Use this time for prayer or to think about what you have heard or experienced. Please respect those who would like to stay in the sanctuary and pray longer in silence. After the Postlude everyone is invited for tea, coffee and refreshments in the foyer.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Catechism study (event is in English),

4th of June at 6.00 pm

Sweet Life restaurant, Warszawska 7

Vox Box, film club (event is in English)

5th of June, at 7.30 pm

Kawiarnia Literacka, Krakowska 41

English Bible study

6th of June, 7.00 pm

Sweet Life restaurant, Warszawska 7

Evening prayer – The day of Pentecost

9th of June, at 5.00 pm, Długa 3

*The timetable of current church events is available on the page of our Community:
www.kosciolzbawiciela.pl*

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*



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