



KOŚCIÓŁ
CHRYSTUSA ZBAWICIELA

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Worship Order according to John a Lasco (Jan Łaski), 1555

27th of October 2019
19th Sunday after Trinity
Reformation Remembrance Day

I
LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Warownym Grodem jest nasz Bóg)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Celebrant: Our Father in heaven, whose light is perfect, converting souls, whose testimony is true, providing wisdom to the ignorant and enlightening the eyes of little children (Ps. 19), we humbly entreat you, for the sake of your boundless mercy, to condescend to illuminate our otherwise blind minds by the light of your Holy Spirit, so that we might be able both to understand rightly your holy law and to model what we understand even through our whole life.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Celebrant: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

All: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

Celebrant: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

All: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

Celebrant: God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. Psalm 68:2-7 (ESV)

HYMN - Thou Art Worthy (Godzien jesteś)

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (Page 154-155)

Galatians 3:23-4:9 (Page 973-974)

SERMON

PRAYER AFTER THE SERMON

Celebrant: Lord, our Father in heaven, Your Son Jesus Christ taught that these indeed will be blessed who not only hear your Word, but also keep and observe it (Luke 11) - but none of us is able to keep it, unless it was inscribed on our hearts by your Holy Spirit - we humbly ask you that you would keep Satan from us, lest he should in any way snatch from us the doctrine of your divine Word, which we heard. May you soften also our heart of stone and may you mercifully water it with the rain of your Holy Spirit... Moreover, may you remove from our hearts the cares and anxieties of this age, which by their nature like thorns, choke your Word in us... We seek these things from you, most beneficent Father, through the name of your only begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II CONFESSION

DECALOGUE AND CALL TO CONFESSION

Exodus 20:1-17 (Page 61)

[...]

Celebrant: We see in this divine law the horrible corruption of our nature placed before our eyes, as if some mirror of ourselves has been placed before us. For in vain would those things be forbidden to us, which we were not seeking by our nature. Therefore, since we are convicted of seeking all these things and of being liable to all these troubles by the testimony of this divine law which has been given to us, let us acknowledge these sins of ours before the Lord, and let us all with one accord accuse ourselves of these sins. And let us, humbly entreating him, implore free forgiveness of these sins for Christ's sake.

CONFESSION

All: Almighty, eternal God, merciful Father, we humbly entreating you, prostrate ourselves before your Divine Majesty, against which, we confess openly and without hypocrisy, that we have sinned very grievously and continually sin even daily, so much that we by no means deserve even to see your Majesty, much less to be numbered among your children... We lament our misery before the throne of your grace, most merciful Father and we humbly ask you, through the merit of your beloved Son, that you would regard us not in ourselves, who are nothing more than slaves to sin and death, but in your beloved Son, who is our righteousness. Grant us your Holy Spirit, so that by his divine breath he might soften our heart, which in itself is otherwise made of stone, and might so give us a heart of flesh... To the glory of you and of your Son and of your Holy Spirit and to the edification of your church. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: As many of you as are ashamed of your sins and penitent in the sight of God, humbly entreating him and bringing an accusation against yourselves, implore pardon for those sins in the presence of God our heavenly Father, do not doubt that all these sins of yours, for the sake of Christ and the merit of his death are freely and fully pardoned... I declare by the faithfulness of the promises of Christ that all your sins have been completely forgiven in every way in heaven by God our Father for the sake of our Lord and Deliverer Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever. Amen.

WARNING FOR THE IMPENITENT

Celebrant: But in truth those who so delight themselves in their sins and who do not blame themselves for their sins while excusing them and those who despise the kindness of Christ the Lord through his death and who devise other remedies of salvation for themselves - to all these, on the other hand, I declare from the Word of God that all their sins have been bound in heaven, unless they should come to their senses.

III CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Almighty and merciful Father, who for the sake of your great mercy, condescended to deliver us from the darkness of our ignorance by marvelously revealing to us your saving light in the gospel of your Son - for this reason, we give you thanks and humbly pray that you would strengthen and fortify us with your Holy Spirit for the sake of your beloved Son that we might be able to keep the gift of our faith to the end.

We pray, most merciful Father for the churches of this glorious country and for all their ministers and above all for the President... Preserve and protect him by your Holy Spirit so he could rule your people under Christ, our Head over all, so that we, by your kindness, might be able to lead a peaceful and quiet life under him with all piety and integrity, according to your Word.

We pray for the Parliament of this country. Give it ... Lord, the spirit of unity and harmony, so that they might unanimously pursue what is right and promote and preserve tranquility and peace in the republic.

In addition to these things, we also ask you, Almighty Father, for all the people of this country, that they might cheerfully embrace the doctrine of your Son, recorded in the writings of the Prophets and Apostles and daily advance in it more and more, and continually persist in lawful obedience to the government and to their magistrates for the health of the whole republic and the edification of the Church.

Almighty Father, we ask you to produce in all of us, through your Holy Spirit, good fruits and that we in this church might grow constantly in all piety and true harmony to the glory of your name, which is to be worshiped, and to the comfort of the members of your Son and to the edification of your universal Church.

And lastly, we ask you, Almighty and merciful Father, for all our brothers who are scattered through your whole universal Church, who are oppressed in any way by anti-Christian tyranny. Comfort them, we ask, Lord, through your Holy Spirit, the author all true comfort so that they might be able to endure all things which you send them with endurance and thanksgiving.

We trust, our heavenly Father, that we will obtain these things from you for the sake of your mercy and fatherly affection toward us, and in this hope, we, humbly entreating you, call upon your holy name through your only beloved Son, in the prayer prescribed for us by him: "Our Father, who are in Heaven..."

LORD'S PRAYER (Sung in Polish)

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.

HYMN (Wszystko Poddane Jest; Polish Only)

COMMENDATION OF THE POOR

Celebrant: Remember the poor and pray for each other.

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).

DISMISSAL

COLLECTION OF ALMS

CHURCH EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Catechism study (event is in English),

31st of October at 5.30 pm

McDonald's, Floriańska 55

English Bible study

31st of October, 7.00 pm

McDonald's, Floriańska 55

Evening prayer

3rd of November, at 5.00 pm, Długa 3

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Everybody who wants to take part in the Autumn Church retreat please pay 130zł per person to the church bank account **by the end of this month.**

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

PRAISE POINTS:

1. We have found a new venue for our ministry.
2. Emily has managed to complete her Irish passport application.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

1. Larysa's, Dave's, Lewis' grandad's health.
2. Saszko's preparation for his operation and for the wise decision of the doctor.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND WORKER

1. Dave's career decisions and an unmentioned request.
2. Emily's healthy pregnancy.
3. Lewis' future plans.
4. Kirill's UK visa application.
5. Orton, Cai and Viggo.
6. Ania's studies and search for the new job.
7. Emily's Irish passport application.
8. Siergiey's trip to Cyprus.
9. Daniela's work, that she would be able to find a solution to a few ideas.
10. Karina's new job.
11. For Leana's exam next week.
12. Emily and Pavel, for wisdom in making decisions.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

1. Pray for more church workers for our fellowship.
2. Pray for the English catechism and Bible study group that meets on Thursdays.
3. Pray for the beginning of the new series of apologetics meetings which has just started. We will be reading through John Lennox's „God's Undertaker”.
4. Pray for the editing of our books conducted by Jagoda Grudzień.

OTHER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the First Presbyterian Church of Warsaw which is going through difficulties at the moment.
2. Pray for unity among all Reformed churches in Poland. Pray for the Presbyterian Church in Poland to come to existence.

Online giving for the church is payable to: Fundacja "Europejska Misja Chrześcijańska", ul. Św. Filipa 23/4, 31-150 Kraków IBAN: PL 94 1140 2004 0000 3802 7701 2043. Cash offerings should be put into white envelopes placed at the back of hymnals and put into the offering basket.

Cash offering from last week: 250 złoty. Bank transfers received during the week: 150 złoty.

All up to date events including this bulletin can be found on our church's web site:

*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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