



**Christ the Saviour
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Krakow**

WORSHIP ORDER

May 15th 2022
Fourth Sunday after Easter

Welcome to all worshippers to the Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian congregation in Krakow. As you enter the sanctuary, please feel free to greet one another. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of God.

PRELUDE - *Reflection before the service. Silence is kept.*

HYMN - *All stand.*

Man of Sorrows

1 Man of sorrows what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing
rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

3 Guilty, helpless, lost were we;
blameless Lamb of God was he,

sacrificed to set us free:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

4 He was lifted up to die;
"It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

5 When he comes, our glorious
King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

THE 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, world without end. Amen.

CONFESSION

Call to confession

Celebrant: Humbling ourselves before God's majesty, let us profess to Him and to our brethren, our sins.

Silentium

All: O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your

fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for he is our Saviour and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. —based on Daniel 9:4-19

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrant: “... In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord, your Redeemer.

— Isaiah 54:8

GLORIA

“Alleluja”

M. Leontovych

$\text{♩} = 120$

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

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Celebrant: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

All: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Celebrant: When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence.

All: For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.

Celebrant: You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

All: The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

Celebrant: But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,

All: And he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Celebrant: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Celebrant: But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice.

— Ps. 9:1-10 (ESV)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²*He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,*

or make it heard in the street;

³*a bruised reed he will not break,*

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴*He will not grow faint or be discouraged^[a]*

till he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵*Thus says God, the Lord,*

who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶*“I am the Lord; I have called you^[b] in righteousness;*

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,

a light for the nations,

⁷*to open the eyes that are blind,*

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸*I am the Lord; that is my name;*

*my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.*

⁹*Behold, the former things have come to pass,*

and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth

I tell you of them."

All: Thanks be to God.

All sit.

New Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts 26

So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

²*"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, ³especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.*

⁴*"My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. ⁵They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. ⁶And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, ⁷to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! ⁸Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?*

⁹*"I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. ¹¹And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.*

¹²*"In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' ¹⁵And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom*

you are persecuting. ¹⁶But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

¹⁹"Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. ²¹For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. ²²To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: ²³that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."

²⁴And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind." ²⁵But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. ²⁶For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." ²⁸And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?" ²⁹And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

³⁰Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. ³¹And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, "This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment." ³²And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Together with the church on the west, let us profess our faith by words of the Apostles' Creed.

All stand.

All: We believe in one God,* the Father, the Almighty,* maker of heaven and earth,* and of all that is seen and unseen.* We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ* the only Son of God,* eternally begotten of the Father,* God from God,* Light from Light,* true God from true God,* begotten, not made,* of one Being with the Father.* Through him all things were made.* For us and for our salvation* he came down from heaven:* was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,* and was made man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;* he suffered death and was buried.* On the third day he rose again * in accordance with the Scriptures;* he ascended into heaven* and is seated at the right hand of the Father.* He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,* and his kingdom will have no end.* We believe in the Holy Spirit,* the Lord, the giver of life,* who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified,* he has spoken through the Prophets.* We believe in one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic Church.* We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.* We look for the resurrection of the dead,* and the life of the world to come.* Amen.

HYMN

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!**

2 Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater— yes, grace untold—
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

3 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

4 Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?
All sit.

PRAYER

Celebrant says the prayer aloud to which the congregation responds: Amen.

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.

SANCTUS

Sung in Polish

[Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are full of His glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest].

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,
and when he had given, 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

Prayer before Communion

Celebrant: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (Matthew 5:6)

All: Lord, I am not worthy of coming at your table, but say the word, and my soul shall be healed. (Luke 7:7)

Celebrant: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Giving of Communion

Please mind that only the baptised members of a Christian Church are allowed to participate in communion.

CLOSING AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray...

*The congregation while sitting pray in silence. After a moment of prayer, the celebrant comes out and says a prayer, to which the church responds: **Amen.***

All stand.

An offering will be collected during the closing hymn.

HYMN

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I'll rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near. X3

During the closing song an offering will be collected. If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obliged to participate in this part of worship.

All sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand.

DISMISSAL

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.

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

Amen (potrójne)

Amen (triple)



POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS

21 / 05

Saturday, 11:00

Women's meeting

Church office (Smolki 8)

15 / 05

Sunday, 10:00

Worship service (with translation into English)

Help Centre (Celna 1) – subject to change

Online donations for the church are payable to:

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*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! Psalm 95:6*

