

Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Krakow

WORSHIP ORDER

June 19th 2022 1. Sunday after Holy Trinity 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.

And Can it Be That I Should Gain

 And can it be that I should gain, an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
 Died He for me, who caus'd His pain?
 For me who Him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be,
 That thou my God, shouldst die for me?
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 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2. 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

3. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For,
O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. **Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

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.

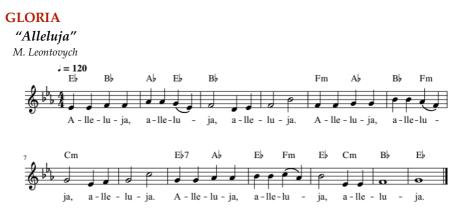
Silentium

All: Humbling before your majesty, God, our Father, we beg you to forgive the sins with which we have offended you, the sins committed by our thoughts, speech, deeds and lack of action. You created us in your image and likeness and commanded us to observe the order of things that you have established, so that all your creation might continue in harmony and grow in peace. We however have rejected your will and given ourselves over to sin and the powers of darkness. We have placed our desires and lusts above Your commandments and we destroy all that You give us. But we beg you, in this moment of repentance, to forgive us our deviations and to let us come back to you. Forget that we have offended you with and create in us a new man. Make us, by the grace of faith, your children and heirs, and bring us into your Kingdom.

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrant: In Scriptures we read: See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.

– John 5:14, ESV



RESPONSIVE PSALM

Celebrant: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,

All: as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Celebrant: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Celebrant: My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

All: when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

Celebrant: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

- Ps. 63:1-8 (ESV)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Isaiah (6:1-13; ESV).

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim.

Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." 9 And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." 11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, ¹² and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³ And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Acts (28:1-31).

¹After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ²The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand.⁴ When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹ And when

this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰ They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

¹¹ After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead. ¹² Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. ¹³ And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶ And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

¹⁷ After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸ When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹ But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰ For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain."²¹ And they said to him, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. ²² But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

²³When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. ²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. ²⁵ And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ "'Go to this people, and say,

"You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive."

²⁷ For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed;

lest they should see with their eyes

and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

²⁸ Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Lector: This is the word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Together with the Western Church, let us profess our faith by 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 sitteth 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 church,* the communion of saints,* the forgiveness of sins,* the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.* Amen.

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long;

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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,I in my Saviour am happy and blest,Watching and waiting, looking above,Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. /x3

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest. /x3

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 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

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 we eat the bread* and drink the cup,* we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:26)

Celebrant: Let us pray for a worthy reception of the Lord's supper.

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.

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.

HYMN

Abide with me

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.

Change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour.What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Let there be glory and honour and praises Glory and honour to Jesus Glory, honour Glory and honour to Him

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 / 06	Art therapy for adults
Monday, 16:30	Help Centre (Celna 1)
23 / 06	Bible Group in English
Thursday, 17:30	Help Centre (Celna 1)
26 / 06 Sunday, 11:00	Worship service (with translation into English and Ukrainian Center for Jewish Culture (Meiselsa 17)

Online donations for the church are payable to:

Parafia Ewangelicko-Prezbiteriańska Chrystusa Zbawiciela w Krakowie, ul. Smolki 8, 30-513 Kraków. IBAN: PL 30 1140 2004 0000 3802 8200 9665. Offerings received last week: 710 złoty.

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And he touched my mouth and said: Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for. Isaiah 6:7

