



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

## **WORSHIP ORDER**

December 4th, 2022  
The Second Sunday in Advent



*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.*

*Please make sure to take a simultaneous translation device in the lobby. Should you have any issues with the device during the service, please feel free to come up to the station where you received it. We kindly advise you bring your own wire headphones to church next time.*

## **PRELUDE**

*All stand.*

### **HYMN – O come, o come Emmanuel**

1. O come, o come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

### **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to Thee, o Israel**

2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud, and majesty and awe

3. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things, far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go

## **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**

**Celebrant:** Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**Celebrant:** To all those who have sincerely repented Scripture says: *though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.* – Isaiah 1:18; ESV

## GLORIA

### “Alleluja”

M. Leontovych

**♩ = 120**

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

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## RESPONSIVE PSALM – Candle Lightening (Isaiah 9:6)

**Celebrant:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called:

*Wonderful Counselor, [\*]*

*Mighty God [\*]*

**All: We light this candle as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming Christ.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Old Testament Reading

**Lector:** A reading from the Book of Genesis (18:1-2, 9-15; ESV).

<sup>1</sup> And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth;

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup> The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup> The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, No, but you did laugh."

**Lector:** This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

**Lector:** A reading from the Gospel of Saint Luke (1:26-45; ESV).

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with

a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

**Lector:** This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON – Rev. Mikael Romer, title: *Blessed Virgin***

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**Celebrant:** Together with the Church in the West, 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 – In Christ Alone**

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm trough the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*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**

1. We are a moment, You are forever  
Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapour, You are eternal,  
love everlasting, reigning on high.

**Holy, holy, Lord God almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,**

**Highest praises, honour and glory  
be unto Your Name, be unto Your name.**

2. We are the broken, You are the Healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name

## **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. (1 Cor. 11:27)

**All: Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (1 Cor. 11:28)**

**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**

*The white wine on the tray is alcohol free.*

*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 – Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

5. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

### **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 (potrójne)

Amen (triple)



**Celebrant:** Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

## **POSTLUDE**



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Isaiah 9:6

