



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

WORSHIP ORDER

May 21st, 2023
Feast of the Ascension

Welcome to the Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Poland, 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. If 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 to bring your own wire headphones to church.

PRELUDE

All stand.

HYMN – Christ the Lord is risen today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

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 of sins

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

Silentium

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrant: To all those who have sincerely repented Scripture says: *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

– Romans 3:23-24; ESV

GLORIA

$\text{♩} = 120$

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

7 Cm Eb7 Ab Eb Fm Eb Cm Bb Eb
ja, a - lle - lu - ja. A - lle - lu - ja, a - lle - lu - ja, a - lle - lu - ja.

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Ps. 47 (ESV)

Celebrant: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Celebrant: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

All: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Celebrant: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Celebrant: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

All: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Celebrant: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Daniel (7:9-14; ESV).

⁹ “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹ “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Acts (1:6-11; ESV).

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – Rev. Aleksander Neznamutdinov

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Together with the Church in the West, let us profess our faith with the words of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan 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 – Zbawicielu wywyższony (in Polish)

1. *Zbawicielu wywyższony,
miły Jezu Ty!*

*Tron Twój chwałą ozdobiony, cudnym blaskiem łśni.
Wszyscy z Tobą iść chcemy, innej drogi nie znamy;
Wciąż przy Tobie chcemy stać, chcemy stać,
Życie Ci w ofierze dać, życie dać.*

2. *Niebo tronem Twojej chwały,
Świat u Twoich nóg.*

*Podwaliny piekła drżały, gdyś szatana zmógł.
Wszyscy z Tobą iść chcemy, innej drogi nie znamy;
Wciąż przy Tobie chcemy stać, chcemy stać,
Życie Ci w ofierze dać, życie dać.*

3. *Drogą wąską cierpień bólu*

*Przejść musiałeś raz;
Teraz uwielbiony Królu, w niebo zwiesz i nas.
Wszyscy z Tobą iść chcemy, innej drogi nie znamy;
Wciąż przy Tobie chcemy stać, chcemy stać,
Życie Ci w ofierze dać, życie dać.*

4. *Tam, gdzie szczęście niezaćmione,*

*Gdzie tron wieczny masz,
Gdzie korony przyrzeczone bojownikom dasz,
Tam za Tobą dojdziemy, tam modlitwy swe ślemy,
Tam korony będą łśnić, będą łśnić,
Z Tobą wiecznie będziemy żyć, będziemy żyć.*

All sit.

PRAYER

The 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

is the Lord Almighty.

Who was and is and is to come,

/ For He is worthy to be praised. /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. (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 baptised members of a Christian Church are allowed to participate in communion.

CLOSING AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray...

*The congregation while sitting prays in silence. After a moment of prayer, the celebrant stands and prays, 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 the worship.

HYMN – Come Christians, join to sing

1. Come Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise in His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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

Now unto Him, who is able to keep,
Able to keep us from failing,
And present us faultless,
Before the presence of His glory,
With exceeding joy.

To the only wise God our Saviour,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever.
Amen.

POSTLUDE



We encourage you to join our Telegram feed to keep you posted. Please use this QR code.

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www.kosciolzbawiciela.pl **Please check the church's Facebook page for updates:**
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Weekly Event Program

22-28.05.2023

22.05;24.05

17:00

18:00

Smolki, 8

ENGLISH CLASSES:

- ADULT BEGINNERS
- TEENAGERS (13-16)

27.05

Sat, 14:00

Smolki 8

VIBE. MEETING FOR TEENAGERS

18:00

Krasickiego 14

BIBLE STUDY

In Ukrainian

28.05

Sun, 11:00

Celna, 1

SUNDAY SERVICE

Christ the Saviour Presbyterian Church

IN KRAKOW

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”
Acts 1:11

