



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

## **WORSHIP ORDER**

September 24th, 2023  
16th Sunday after Holy Trinity

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

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 Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

## **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 OF SINS**

**Call to confession**

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

*Examination of conscience in silence*

**All:** Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and all things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

**Celebrant:** To all those who have sincerely repented Scripture says: *In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation [...] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

– 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21; ESV

## GLORIA

**♩ = 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 – Ps 97 (ESV)

**Celebrant:** The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

**All:** The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**Celebrant:** All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

**All:** For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**Celebrant:** O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**All: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.**

**Celebrant:** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Lector:** A reading from the Book of Lamentations (3:22-26. 31-32; ESV):

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

[...] <sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not cast off forever, <sup>32</sup> but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

**Lector:** A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (10:35-39; ESV):

<sup>35</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup> For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; <sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON – Iwo Gontarz**

### **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 – Great is Thy Faithfulness**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Great is Thy faithfulness!**

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**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*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. 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 – Be still, my soul**

1. Be still, my soul, the Lord is on Thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to Thy God to order and provide.  
In every change He faithful will remain!  
Be still, my soul, Thy best, heavenly Friend,  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### **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



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# Weekly Event Program

25.09-01.10.2023

**30.09**

Sat, 14:00

Krasickiego 14

**VIBE. MEETING FOR TEENAGERS**

**01.10**

Sun, 17:00

Wadowicka 8G

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

**20-22.10**

**CHURCH RETREAT**

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