



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

WORSHIP ORDER

November 19th, 2023
2nd Sunday before the end of the church year

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 – 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.

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.

Examination of conscience in silence

All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbour and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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

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RESPONSIVE PSALM – Ps. 103 (ESV)

Celebrant: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Celebrant: Who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always hide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Celebrant: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Celebrant: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

All: For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Celebrant: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

All: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children;

Celebrant: To those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

All: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Celebrant: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

All: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Celebrant: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis (3:17-24; ESV).

¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." ²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²² Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Epistle to the Romans (5:12-21; ESV).

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – Rev. Joel Spence

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Together with the Church in the West, let us profess our faith with the 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 – Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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: 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 – And can it be, that I should gain

1. 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?

**Amazing love! How can it be
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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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A - men, a - men, A - men.

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

20-26.11.2023

23.11

Thu, 18:00
Smolki 8

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Bring your friend and salty/sweet dish ;)

25.11

Sat, 14:00
Krasickiego 14

VIBE. MEETING FOR TEENAGERS

26.11

Sun, 17:00
Wadowicka, 8G

SUNDAY SERVICE

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IN KRAKOW