

Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Krakow

WORSHIP ORDER

January 21st, 2023 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 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 – 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?

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- 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.

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: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrant: To all those who have sincerely repented Scripture says: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

- John 3:16; ESV

GLORIA



RESPONSIVE PSALM – Ps 145:8-15, 18, 21 (ESV)

Celebrant: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Celebrant: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

All: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Celebrant: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Celebrant: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Second Book of Kings (17:5-20; ESV).

- ⁵ Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samaria, and for three years he besieged it.
- ⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.
- ⁷ And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods ⁸ and walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced. ⁹ And the people of Israel did secretly against the Lord their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. ¹⁰ They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, ¹¹ and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the Lord carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the Lord to anger, ¹² and they served idols, of which

the Lord had said to them, "You shall not do this." ¹³ Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

¹⁴ But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God. ¹⁵ They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the Lord had commanded them that they should not do like them. ¹⁶ And they abandoned all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. ¹⁷ And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger. ¹⁸ Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only.

¹⁹ Judah also did not keep the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the customs that Israel had introduced. ²⁰ And the Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God. New Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Epistle to Romans (7:1-6; ESV).

¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that

which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

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All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Rev. Aleksander Nezamutdinov

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Together with the Church in the West, let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostoles' 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.

PIEŚŃ – Just as I am

- 1. Just as I am without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2. Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, "Yea, all I need in Thee to find—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3. Just as I am—Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe— O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- **4.** Just as I am—Thy love unknown Hath broken every barrier down;

Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone — O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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. 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: Come, then, for all is ready (Luke 14:17).

All: I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but speak one word only, Lord, and I shall be healed (Luke 7:6-7).

Celebrant: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord (Psalm 118:26).

All: I shall receive the bread of heaven. I shall drink the cup of salvation.

Giving of Communion

The white wine on the tray is alcohol free.

Please mind that only baptised <u>members</u> 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 - Bless the Lord, O my soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

- 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.
- 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3. And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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:



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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Weekly Event Program

22-28.01.2024

27.01

WINTER FAIR

Sat, 13:00-15:00

Smolki, 8

Sweet treats - hot chocolate - crafts for kids.
All money will be donated to support

Ukraine.

Sat, 15:00

VIBE. MEETING FOR TEENAGERS

Krasickiego, 14

18:00

BIBLE STUDY

Krasickiego, 14 In Ukrainian

28.01

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sun, 17:00 Wadowicka, 8G

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Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

Romans 7:4

