



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

## **WORSHIP ORDER**

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*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.*

### **PIEŚŃ – The Old Rugged Cross**

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.

## **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:** Almighty God, merciful Father! I, a poor, wretched, sinful man, confess before Thee all my sins and transgressions, committed in thought, speech and deed, by which I have deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishments. I repent sincerely and from the bottom of my heart, and beseech Thee, by Thy unfathomable mercy and the innocent and bitter passion and death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, unworthy and sinful man, forgive me all my sins and graciously help me by the power of Thy Holy Spirit to improve my life. 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

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## RESPONSIVE PSALM – Ps 69:13-17, 29-30 (ESV)

**Celebrant:** But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.

**All:** Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

**Celebrant:** Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

**All: Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

**Celebrant:** Hide not your face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.

**All: But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high!**

**Celebrant:** I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Lector:** A reading from the Book of Jonah (4:1-11; ESV).

<sup>1</sup> But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup> And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup> Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup> Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### **New Testament Reading**

**Lector:** A reading from the Epistle to Romans (11:1-24; ESV).

<sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? <sup>3</sup> "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." <sup>4</sup> But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." <sup>5</sup> So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

<sup>7</sup> What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, <sup>8</sup> as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day." <sup>9</sup> And David says, "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; <sup>10</sup> let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever."

<sup>11</sup> So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. <sup>12</sup> Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup> If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

<sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. <sup>19</sup> Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." <sup>20</sup> That is

true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. <sup>22</sup> Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. <sup>23</sup> And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

**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 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 – The Church's One Foundation**

1.The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

3. The Church shall never perish.  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish,  
is with her to the end.  
Tho' there be those that hate her  
and strive to see her fail,  
against both foe and traitor  
she ever shall prevail.

4. Tho' with a scornful wonder  
the world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

*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 Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **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 – 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!

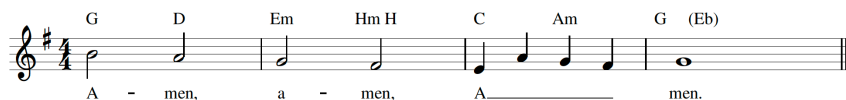
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

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# Weekly Event Program

18-24.03.2024

**19.03**

Tue, 18:00

**HOME GROUP (PL)**

IN POLISH

📍 Smolki, 8

**20.03**

Wed, 18:00

**HOME GROUP (EN)**

IN ENGLISH

📍 Grzegórzecka 72/21

**22.03**

Fr, 17:30

Smolki 8

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**23.03**

Sat, 14:00

Krasickiego 14

**VIBE. MEETING FOR  
TEENAGERS**

**24.03**

Sun, 17:00

Wadowicka, 8G

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

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And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?”  
Jonah 4:4

