

Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Krakow

4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 28th, 2024



Welcome to Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Congregation in Krakow!

We desire to be a vibrant Protestant church in Krakow that will serve Jesus Christ, each other, and the people of the city. We endeavor to be a church that fits the culture of Krakow today, a church that reaches out to both local Poles and to people from all backgrounds.

Also we are a congregation that is biblical, culturally relevant, and desires to worship God in a reverent manner. We are a church founded on grace that strives to be a loving community. As a church we practice discipleship, evangelism, and missions.

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.

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

PRELUDE

All stand.

In response to God's call to worship, we praise him with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

THE GREETING

God gets the first word in worship as he calls his people into his presence.

CELEBRANT

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CONFESSION

When God's people see God's glory it is right for us to name our sins, both corporately and individually.

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.

Prayer of confession

CONGREGATION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

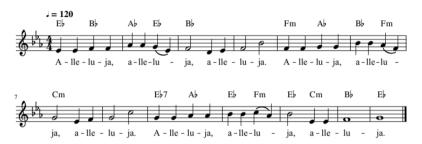
CELEBRANT

To those who repent sincerely, based on God's promises I proclaim: 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). And all those who do not repent sincerely I call to repentance and I announce to them that their sins are still on them.

GLORIA

God's Word meets our repentance with a gospel promise and assures God's people that we are forgiven. God's people respond to the gospel promise with thoughtful praise and resounding hope.



RESPONSIVE PSALM

Ps 15 (ESV)

CELEBRANT

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

CONGREGATION

He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

CELEBRANT

In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;

CONGREGATION

Who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

CELEBRANT

Who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Bible read publicly to God's people is the Word of the Lord.

Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel (36:24-27; ESV)

LECTOR

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

LECTOR

This is the word of God.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

New Testament

A reading from the Epistle to Romans (13:8-14; ESV)

LECTOR

- ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
- ¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

LECTOR

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CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Aleksander Nezamutdinov

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We use ancient statements of faith to remind us about the truths that we believe.

CELEBRANT

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

All stand

CONGREGATION

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

God's people respond to God's Word with fear, love, and trust, seeking to follow him.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Robert Robinson (1758)*

All sit.

PRAYER

The celebrant says the prayer aloud to which the congregation responds: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Through one voice, God's people intercede for one another and for God's Kingdom.

CELEBRANT

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

CONGREGATION

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

The moment when God's people prepare their hearts to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, confessing the holiness of God.

"Holy, holy, holy" Reginald Heber (1826)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the Lord's Supper, God graciously gives a sign to declare Christ's death and a seal to assure our hearts as God's people are fed.

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 the Lord's Supper

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).

CONGREGATION

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).

CONGREGATION

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).

CONGREGATION

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

Giving of the Lord's Supper

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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

CELEBRANT

Let us pray...

Celebrant stands and prays, to which the church responds: Amen.

All stand.

HYMN

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.

God's people bring their tithes and offerings, responding to God's grace and reminded of God's goodness..

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

Martin Luther (1523)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

God gets the final word in our worship, putting his name upon us and giving us his best gifts.

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).

CONGREGATION



CELEBRANT

Go in the peace of Christ.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

God's people respond to God's Word with fear, love, and trust, seeking to follow him.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

POSTLUDE



Stay in touch!

We encourage you to join our Telegram feed to keep you posted.

Please use this QR code.

Offerings for the Church

Online donations for the church are payable to:

Parafia Ewangelicko-Prezbiteriańska Chrystusa Zbawiciela w Krakowie, ul. Smolki 8, 30-513 Kraków. Nr konta: 30 1140 2004 0000 3802 8200 9665.

Offerings received last week: 740 zł.

Events

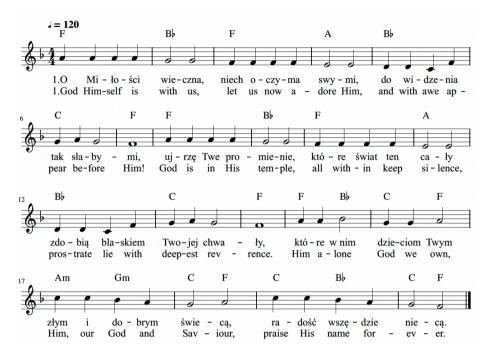
All up to date events including this bulletin can be found on our church's website: www.kosciolzbawiciela.pl Please check the church's Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/kosciolzbawiciela

Program for the next week

5th May (Sun), Sunday worship service, 8G Wadowicka Street, 5 P.M.

God Himself is with us

Gerhardt Tersteegen (1729)



- 2. God Himself is with us: hear the harps resounding! see the hosts the throne surrounding!
 "Holy boly boly!" hear the hymne
- "Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending,

songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow Your ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises that Your church now raises.

3. O thou Font of blessing, purify my spirit, trusting only in thy merit. Like the holy angels who behold thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore thee. Let thy will ever still rule thy Church terrestrial,

as the hosts celestial.

- 4. Light of light eternal, all things penetrating, for Your rays our soul is waiting. As the tender flowers, willingly unfolding, to the sun their faces holding: even so would we do, light from You obtaining, strength to serve You gaining.
- 5. Come, celestial Being, make our hearts Your dwelling, every carnal thought dispelling. By Your Holy Spirit sanctify us truly, teaching us to love You only. Where we go here below, let us bow before You and in truth adore You.

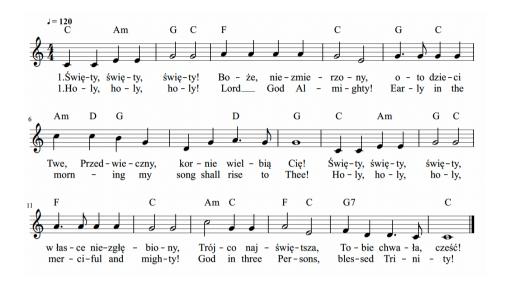
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson (1758)

- 1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it Name of Thy redeeming love
- 2. Hitherto Thy love has blessed me Thou hast brought me to this place And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God He, to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood
- 3. Oh to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness, like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart, oh take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above
- 4. Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face
 Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
 How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
 Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
 Bring Thy promises to pass
 For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
 Till I'm home with Thee at last

Holy, holy, holy

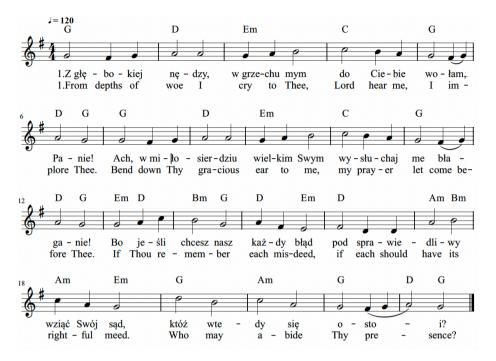
Reginald Heber (1826)



- 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, Who was, and is, and evermore shall 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!

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

Martin Luther (1523)



2. Thy love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression; The best and holiest deeds must fail

To break sin's dread oppression. Before Thee none can boasting stand.

But all must fear Thy strict demand

And live alone by mercy.

3. Therefore my hope is in the Lord

And not in mine own merit; It rests upon His faithful Word To them of contrite spirit That He is merciful and just; This is my comfort and my trust. His help I wait with patience. **4.** And though it tarry till the night

And till the morning waken, My heart shall never doubt His might

Nor count itself forsaken. Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed; Wait for your God's appearing.

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes,

His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth. Our shepherd good and true is He,

Who will at last His Israel free From all their sin and sorrow.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

