

Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Krakow

3rd SUNDAY BEFORE THE END OF THE CHURCH YEAR	NOVEMBER 10th 2024

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Sunday, November 10th, 2024

PRELUDE

All stand.

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

"God, your hands enfold me" Anna-Mari Kaskinen (b. 1958)

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 our sins to Him and our brethren.

Examination of conscience in silence.

Prayer of confession

CONGREGATION

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 those who repent sincerely, based on God's promises I proclaim: 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). All those who do not repent sincerely, I remind them that their their sins are still on them until they repent and sincerely confess their sins.

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 100 (ESV)

CELEBRANT

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

CONGREGATION

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

CELEBRANT

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

CONGREGATION

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

CELEBRANT

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

CONGREGATION

Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good;

CELEBRANT

His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Genesis (20:1-18; ESV)

LECTOR

¹ From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. ² And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife." ⁴ Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, "Lord, will you kill an innocent people? ⁵ Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this." ⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. ⁷ Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

⁸ So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid. ⁹ Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done." ¹⁰ And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you did this thing?" ¹¹ Abraham said, "I did it because I thought, 'There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.'¹² Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. ¹³ And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, 'This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, "He is my brother."""

¹⁴ Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵ And Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you." ¹⁶ To Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated." ¹⁷ Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. ¹⁸ For the Lord had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

LECTOR

This is the word of God.

CONGREGATION Thanks be to God.

New Testament

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (26:36-46; ESV)

LECTOR

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betraver is at hand."

LECTOR

This is the word of God.

CONGREGATION Thanks be to God. During the sermon, children up to 6 years old may go to the children's room for activities.

SERMON

The sermon is a time when God enters our lives through His Word. It is a moment when, in silence, we can listen to what God has to say. Today's sermon will be delivered by 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 Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.

All stand.

CONGREGATION

We believe in one God,* the Father, the Almighty,* maker of heaven and earth,* and of all that is seen and unseen.* We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ* the only Son of God,* eternally begotten of the Father,* God from God,* Light from Light,* true God from true God,* begotten, not made,* of one Being with the Father.* Through him all things were made.* For us and for our salvation^{*} he came down from heaven:^{*} was incarnate from the Holv Spirit and the Virgin Mary,* and was made man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;* he suffered death and was buried.* On the third day he rose again * in accordance with the Scriptures;* he ascended into heaven* and is seated at the right hand of the Father.* He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,* and his kingdom will have no end.* We believe in the Holy Spirit,* the Lord, the giver of life,* who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified,* he has spoken through the Prophets.* We believe in one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic Church.* We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.* We look for the resurrection of the dead,* and the life of the world to come.* Amen.

ΗΥΜΝ

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

"Bless the Lord, O my soul" Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2011)

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 forever"

Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham (2022)

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..

"This I Believe" Matt Crocker, Ben Fielding (2014)

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

God, your hands enfold me

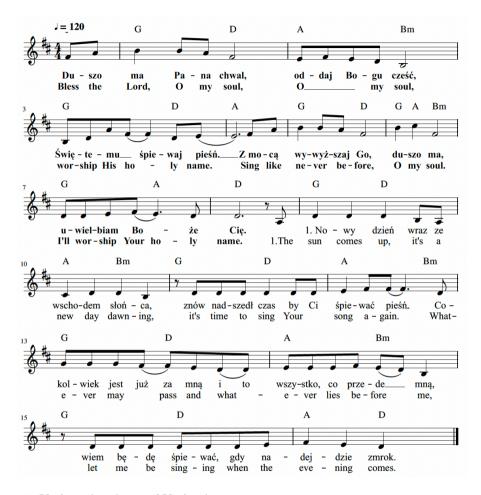
Anna-Mari Kaskinen (b. 1958)



2. In my Father's hand Joyful I can be So generous your hand Lord is to me It's tender and forgiving It never loses touch My life is worth living You have given much.

Bless the Lord, o my soul

Jonas Myrtn, Matt Redman (2011)



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.

Holy forever

Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham (2022)

1. A thousand generations Falling down in worship To sing the song of Ages to the Lamb And all who've gone before us And all who will believe Will sing the song of Ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry holy All creation cries holy You are lifted high holy Holy forever

2. If you've been forgiven And if you've been redeemed Sing the song Forever to the Lamb If you walk in freedom And if you bear His name Sing the song Forever to the Lamb

/ chorus /

Bridge: Hear your people sing holy To the King of Kings holy You will always be holy Holy forever

This I Believe *Matt Crocker, Ben Fielding (2014)*



2. Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life Forever seated high.



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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: 2810 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: <u>facebook.com/kosciolzbawiciela</u>

Program for the next week

13th Nov. (Wed), Home group in English, ul. Grzegórzecka 72/21, 6 P.M.

16th Nov. (Sat), Teenagers meeting "Vibe", ul. Smolki 8, 2 P.M.

16th Nov. (Sat), *Studying Westminster Catechism in Ukrainian*, ul. Smolki 8, 6 P.M.

17th Nov. (Sun), Sunday worship service, ul. Zabłocie 25, 5 P.M.