



Christ the Saviour
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
in Krakow

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23rd, 2025



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, March 23rd, 2025

PRELUDE

All stand.

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

HYMN

„The old rugged cross”
George Bennard (1913)

THE GREETING

God gets the first word in worship as he calls 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

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Assurance of pardon

CELEBRANT

To those who repent sincerely, based on God's promises I proclaim:

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities (Psalm 130:7-8; 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.

$\text{♩} = 120$

E \flat B \flat A \flat E \flat B \flat Fm A \flat B \flat Fm

A - lle - lu - ja, a - lle - lu - ja, a - lle - lu - ja. A - lle - lu - ja, a - lle - lu -

7 Cm E \flat 7 A \flat E \flat Fm E \flat Cm B \flat E \flat

ja, a - lle - lu - ja. A - lle - lu - ja, a - lle - lu - ja, a - lle - lu - ja.

RESPONSIVE READING

Ps 17:1-7 (ESV)

CELEBRANT

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

CONGREGATION

From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right!

CELEBRANT

You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

CONGREGATION

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

CELEBRANT

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

CONGREGATION

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Old Testament

Reading from the Book of Psalms (51:1-19; ESV)

LECTOR

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; ¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

LECTOR

This is the word of God.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

New Testament

A reading from the First Epistle of John (1:8-9; ESV)

LECTOR

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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. Mikael Römer.

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 Apostles' 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.

„Pass me not, O gentle Saviour”

Frances J. Crosby (1868)

All sit.

PRAYER

The celebrant says the prayer aloud.

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 Lord God of hosts”

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 members 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..

"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful"

Taizé Community (1991)

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

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

CELEBRANT

Go in the peace of Christ.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The old rugged cross

George Bennard (1913)

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.

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.

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour

Frances J. Crosby (1868)

$\text{♩} = 120$
G C G Em Am7 C/D D G

1. Nie o - mi - jaj mnie, o Zbaw - co, z ser - ca pro - szę Cię!
1. Pass me not o gen - tle Sav - iour, hear my hum - ble cry.

5 G C G C6 D7 G

Ła - ską wie - luś już ob - da - rzył, nie o - mi - jaj mnie.
While on o - thers Thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.

9 G G7 C G D

Zbaw - co, Zba - wco! Z ser - ca pro - szę Cię!
Sav - iour, Sav - iour, hear my hum - ble cry!

13 G7 C G Em Am7 D7 G

Ła - ską wie - luś już ob - da - rzył, nie o - mi - jaj mnie.
While on o - thers Thou art call - ling, do not pass me by.

2. Let me at Thy throne of mercy,
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.
Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

3. Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.
Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

4. Thou the spring of all my com-
fort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside
Thee,
Whom in Heav'n but Thee.
Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Holy Lord God of hosts

1. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
/ Hosanna in the highest. /x3

2. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
/ Hosanna in the highest. /x3

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Taizé Community (1991)

$\text{♩} = 69$
Dm C F B C Dm C F

1. Pan jest mo - cą Swo - je - go lu - du, pie - śnią mo - ja jest...
1. In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I'll re -

4 C B A ³ Dm C

Pan; Mo - ja tar - cza i mo - ja moc; On jest mym
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

7 F B C Am Dm B C F

Bo - giem, nie je - stem sam, w Nim mo - ja si - ła, nie je - stem sam.
voi - ces, the Lord is near. Lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

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



Stay in touch!

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

Please use this QR code.

Program for the next week

25th Mar. (Tue), *Bible study*, ul. Smolki 8, 6.30 P.M.

29th Mar. (Sat), *Meeting for teenagers „Vibe”*, ul. Smolki 8, 2 P.M.

29th Mar. (Sat), *Studying the Westminster Catechism in Ukrainian*, ul. Smolki 8, 6 P.M.

30th Mar. (Sun), *Sunday worship service*, ul. Zabłocie 25, 5 P.M.

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: 470 zł.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me.**

Psalm 51:10

