

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

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20th, 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, April 20th, 2025

PRELUDE

All stand.

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

HYMN

„All creatures of our God and King”
William Henry Draper (1919)

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

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

CELEBRANT

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

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:55-57; 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.

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RESPONSIVE READING

Ps 118:1-19 (ESV)

CELEBRANT

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

CONGREGATION

Let Israel and the house of Aaron say “His steadfast love endures forever.”

CELEBRANT

Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

CONGREGATION

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

CELEBRANT

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

CONGREGATION

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

CELEBRANT

All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

CONGREGATION

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

CELEBRANT

They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.

CONGREGATION

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

CELEBRANT

The right hand of the LORD exalts.

CONGREGATION

The right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

CELEBRANT

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Old Testament

Reading from the Book of Daniel (12:2-4; ESV)

LECTOR

² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who

turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

LECTOR

This is the word of God.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

New Testament

A reading from the I Epistle to the Corinthians (15:12-28; ESV)

LECTOR

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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. Joel Spence.

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 Holy 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.

HYMN

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

„Christ the Lord is risen today”

Charles Wesley (1739)

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

Let us pray for a worthy reception of the Lord's supper.

CONGREGATION

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 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..

“Christ Arose” (“Low in the Grace He Lay”)

Robert Lowry (1899)

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

All creatures of our God and King


William Henry Draper (1919)

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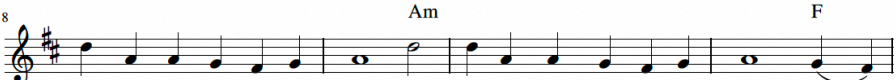
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2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is risen today

Charles Wesley (1739)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

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

Christ Arose (Low in the Grace He Lay)

Robert Lowry (1899)

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

**Up from the grave He arose;
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

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!

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Program for the next week

22th Apr. (Tue), *Bible Study*, ul. Smolki 8, 6.30 P.M.

25th Apr. (Fri), *Vox Box. Bob Dylan: Singer, Songwriter, Poet.*, ul. Smolki 8, 7 P.M.

26th Apr. (Sat), *Meeting for teenagers „Vibe”*, ul. Smolki 8, 5 P.M.

27th Apr. (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: 1241,19 zł.