

Notes on Today's Worship Service

Welcome to worship this Second Sunday of Eastertide. We're glad you've gathered with the International Protestant Church of Zurich to seek God's face.

If you're participating in a live service, here are some things to help enrich your experience. If you're worshipping on your own, most of this can be ignored.

Why doesn't Pastor Andy use the "screen share" Zoom

function? While we understand that this would simplify things, enabling us to watch videos at precisely the same time, there are drawbacks. The quality of the music and video as they come through Zoom's "screen share" function is quite negatively impacted. For the best musical experience, accessing the YouTube videos on your own devices is important.

Video Syncing. Please be ready to play videos that are embedded in the Order of Worship at the same time as the rest of the congregation. This will help us move to the next part of the service at the same time.

Headphones. If possible, wear a pair of headphones or earbuds that have a built-in microphone (as most do these days). This will improve your listening experience and will help eliminate feedback. If you're "attending" with others in the room, consider playing the videos through a quality external speaker.

Screen Splitting. If you're participating in the virtual service, it will be helpful to split your screen, with Zoom on one side, and this Order of Worship on the other. (Learn to do this on [Windows](#) and [Mac](#).) Or, you can use one device for Zoom and another for the Order of Worship.

Muting. Awkward as it is, please keep yourself muted during the service unless you are leading a certain part of the service. Otherwise it gets very noisy. During responsive parts of the service, keep yourself muted but please do participate!

Stay afterward for Coffee Hour! Pour a cup of coffee and enjoy fellowship for 15 minutes or so after the service concludes. We will give instructions for entering different "rooms" for conversation.

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.

Revelation 1:4-5

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

*Call to Worship

Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with our God, and is usually taken from our Psalm of the Day. We address one another and enter God's presence together.

From Psalm 114

Come and tremble with the earth at the presence of the Lord!

We tremble before the God of Jacob!

Let us praise the God who brought us up from Egypt!

We exalt the One who has made us his own dominion; his own sanctuary!

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation

Having called one another to God's praise, we turn to God and ask for his presence and power.

From Psalm 114

Our great Lord and God: you are the one before whose power Egypt was humbled. Yours was the triumph over Pharaoh and his best chariots. It is you who made the sea flee and the Jordan turn back. It is before your majesty that the mountains leap like rams and the hills bound like lambs. Because you can make water spring forth from a hard rock, we come before you confidently, asking that you would make our voices leap with praise, and our hard hearts flow with living water. For you have delivered us from a greater bondage than Pharaoh, and from a more mighty foe than Egypt: you have brought us from slavery to sin and from the power of death. For you have raised your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And you have raised us in and with him. Be praised, therefore, as your people assemble to sing your praises, to call upon your name, and to hear and respond to your Word, for we ask it in the name of our mighty deliverer, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

*Song of Praise

With our Song of Praise, we begin our worship by exalting God for who he is and what he has done.

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God to make the Scripture fresh, encouraging, and convicting to us as we sit under its ministry.

From Psalm 114

Gracious God and Father, it amazes us to consider your power and majesty; to imagine the entire creation submitting to the glorious redemption you have planned and won in Jesus Christ. At your Word and at your presence, everything from waters to beasts to mountains moves with holy reverence. Move us now, we pray, as we humble ourselves like the rest of creation before your Word. Teach, rebuke, correct, and train us in its righteousness, so that we are ready and equipped to do all that you have commanded, and until we, your people,

are a fitting sanctuary for your holy presence. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 3:4-11

During our current series, our New Testament lessons are selected to complement the study of the Ten Commandments.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Psalm of the Day

Our Psalm of the Day anchors our worship in God's Word. The Psalms allow us to express our praise, confess our need, and offer our prayers.

Psalm 114

- ¹ When Israel came out of Egypt,
 Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,
- ² **Judah became God's sanctuary,
 Israel his dominion.**
- ³ The sea looked and fled,
 the Jordan turned back;
- ⁴ **the mountains leaped like rams,
 the hills like lambs.**

⁵ Why was it, sea, that you fled?
Why, Jordan, did you turn back?
⁶ **Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
you hills, like lambs?**
⁷ Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ **who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.**

Examination

We reflect on the Psalm of the Day and use it to examine our hearts and minds, leading us to confession of our sin.

Here in Psalm 114, the psalmist reflects on the majesty with which the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt. Verses 1-2 are about God's *purpose*: to make his people both his holy habitation and his precious possession. Think of it: a group of people, redeemed in order to be a house for God!

Then, in verses 3-7, the psalmist sings of how the creation itself seemed to *marvel* at God's salvation as they witnessed it happen: seas, rivers, mountains, rams, lambs, and the entire earth *tremble* at the presence of this God who saves with a mighty hand; this Lord who treasures his people so dearly.

Do we fear, tremble, and obey our Redeemer with the same holy reverence that the rest of creation gives to our God? Do we marvel at God's loving choice to make us his own and dwell among us? Do our lives reflect the worship, wonder, and obedience that are fitting, considering who God is, and what God has done for us in Christ?

Let us confess our sin.

Confession of Sin

Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we repent. For we have too quickly forgotten how mighty your hand has been to save us, and how

awestruck creation itself stood as it beheld your salvation—first in the Exodus from Egypt by Moses, and then in the exodus from our sin in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. We have thought too little of our chosen status as your treasured possession. We have not spontaneously and joyfully obeyed your Word, all the while trembling that the God of all creation should desire to live with, among, and in us. Forgive our forgetful minds and our unmoved hearts. Let us never again forget you, and be pleased to melt our cold hearts until our hearts, souls, lives, and strength are joined together in loving obedience to you, our gracious Master and our God. We ask your mercy in Jesus our Savior's name. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

Dear Church of the resurrected Lord Jesus: Take heart! When the people of Israel forgot God's mercy and kindness and began to bitterly complain of their thirst, even as they doubted God's goodness and love, our Lord nevertheless brought drinking water out of a hard stone in the wilderness, and let them drink from it. Paul says (1 Cor 10:4) that the rock which was struck to provide water was, in fact, Christ himself. While we were still sinners, parched and dry, our Lord Jesus offered himself to be struck, that from his side, living water might flow and bring us to abundant life in him. The great miracle of our God is not that he can bring water from a rock, but that he is glad to bring us to himself through the life, death, and resurrection of his beloved Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In him you are forgiven, refreshed, and renewed for faith and obedience, which I now declare to you and to which I now call you. In Jesus' name. Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Sam

Children's Song

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (Ridiculous Pastor Andy Version)

Children's Resources

[Sermon Notes](#) | [Children's Booklet](#) (includes coloring and activity pages)

Preaching of the Word

Musical Collect

Open Thou My Eyes

Text: Lancelot Andrews (1565) and Isaac Wardell (2008) Music: John Rutter, alt. Isaac Wardell.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-21

20 And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your

son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Sermon

“The Word Before the Words: The Father’s Ten Good Words (Introduction)”

Pastor Andy

“The Sermon on the Mount: The Amazing Authority of Jesus Christ (Part 1)”

Matthew 5:1-6

Pastor Sam

Responding to God's Word

*Song of Response

Sing, All Souls, With Joy and Wonder (The Ten Commandments)

Text: Andy Stager (2020); Tune: BEECHER by John Zundel (1870)

(Musical Notation for the tune BEECHER [PDF])

Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

Elder on Duty

Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint. For more, [click here](#).

Offertory

Love Will Never Fail

By Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Aaron Keyes, Orlando Palmer, and Paul Zach (2019)

*Doxology

Calling on the Name of the Lord

Prayers of the People

We join together in prayer. We praise God; we pray for our world, for the church, for ourselves, and we pray the Lord's Prayer.

At the end of each petition, the leader will say:

Lord, in your mercy ...

And the congregation may respond:

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Now we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests and
Announcements

*Sending Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Commissioning and Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Don't forget that your pastors are available to speak with you.

See Andy or Sam's calendars to make an appointment.