

ORDER OF WORSHIP | 3 MAY

Notes on Today's Worship Service

Welcome to worship this Fourth 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.

Guests: you are very welcome! At the end of the service, we'll take a few minutes to meet you. All you need to do is un-mute yourself and say hello. Tell us your name, and where you are from.

How the service works. You may use this online order of worship, but it is not absolutely necessary if you are participating using Zoom. We will share music and slides with the lyrics via Zoom. Audio and video is provided here in the Order of Worship, but you should not play these files during the live service; we will play them and share them with you through Zoom. (You can enjoy them later on your own if you'd like.)

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 using a quality external speaker.

Muting. Awkward as it is, our "usher" will keep everyone muted for most of the service. This will keep us from experiencing accidental distractions like noise and feedback.
Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

*The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.
Based on Philippians 1:1-2*

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Zurich, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm of the Day

We begin our worship with a silent meditation on our Psalm of the Day during the Prelude. Use this time to focus your hearts and minds on God as he speaks to us through his Word.

1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

3 Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.

4 For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.

5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the people of the world revere him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he chose for his inheritance.

13 From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all mankind;

14 from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—

15 he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.

16 No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.

17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.

18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

19 to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.

20 We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

21 In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.

22 May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

Prelude

Toccatà in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 538)

Ruth Pfister, organ

***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 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous!

People: If we are true to him, it is fitting for us to praise him!

Leader: Praise the LORD with the harp.

People: We will offer our voices and instruments as praise!

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song!

People: We will sing and play with our skill, and lift our shouts of joy!

Leader: 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 33

Great God and Lord, you have commanded us to sing, and to play skillfully. Take pleasure in the songs of our lips and the music of our instruments. You have called us to treasure your Word, and to learn and imitate your own love and justice from its truth. We gladly submit ourselves to its teaching and eagerly anticipate the change you will effect in our hearts and lives as it takes root within us. Speak to us with the same grace and power with which you spoke the heavens, the seas, the land, and every creature into being, and we will be made anew. As we worship you, remind us that you alone are strong to save, and make us conscious that we are utterly dependent on you. We wait upon you now. Shower us with your unfailing love. We ask it in Christ's name. 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.

Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord (Psalm 33)

Text: Psalm 33 rendered by Isaac Watts, alt.and additional stanza: Stager

Tune: AZMON, by Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829), adapted by Lowell Mason (1829)

Ellie and Andy Stager

(Musical Notation [PDF])

Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord,
What better thing to do?
Exalt his name, his ways, his word,
How holy, just, and true!

His mercy and his righteousness
Let heav'n and earth proclaim!
His works of nature and of grace
Reveal his wondrous name.

His word, with energy divine
The skies above us spread,
Made starry hosts throughout them shine:
All by his wisdom led.

He taught the swelling waves to flow
To their appointed deep;
The flowing seas their limits know,
And still their station keep.

All people on his spacious earth,
With fear before him stand!
He spoke, and nature found its birth,
And rests on his command.

He scorns the angry nations' rage,
And breaks their vain designs;
His counsel stands through every age,
And in full glory shines.

The lovingkindness of the LORD
Be with us as we wait
With joyful hearts upon his word,
All things to re-create!
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 33

Leader: O LORD, your word is right and true.

People: You are faithful in all you do.

Leader: You love righteousness and justice.

People: The earth is full of your unfailing love.

Leader: By your word, O LORD, the heavens were made.

People: By the breath of your mouth, the starry host was formed.

Leader: In creation, everything you spoke came into being, and stood firm.

People: Speak to us now, that we might be what you've called us to be; that we might stand firm.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and make Jesus, your true Word, present in our midst. Accomplish your purposes among us as we hear your word, receive your grace, and heed your counsel.

People: Amen!

Confession of Sin

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

Gracious God, we acknowledge with the psalmist that it is your plans and purposes that endure. We know that all our plans, and the plans of the nations, must submit to the purposes of your heart, which endure through all generations. We recognize that you look down from heaven and see into our hearts. You have made our hearts for yourself, and you can weigh them, measure them, and discern their direction. We are sorry for following our wayward hearts into foolish plans; for making our wisest plans and failing to ask you to guide our steps; for setting our hearts on vain things; and for trusting in our strength, vigor, and creativity rather than in your provision, kindness, and love. Forgive us, for the sake of Jesus, whose every purpose and plan was, and is, always and everywhere, yours; whose heart has always beat after your purposes, in pursuit of your own heart. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Pardon**

People of God, with the psalmist we have turned our hope away from every resource except the very heart of God. We have made him our help and our shield. We have placed our hearts' joy once again in his holy name. And so we can be even more sure than the psalmist was that the LORD's unfailing love is with us. For he has sent the Lord Jesus in love to capture our hearts by his grace; to put the hope of our God in our hearts once again. In Christ, your sins are forgiven, your hearts are cleansed and renewed, and you are set free to live according to his glorious purposes. Go, and follow the heart of Jesus into every good endeavor! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Ruth Pfister, Organ

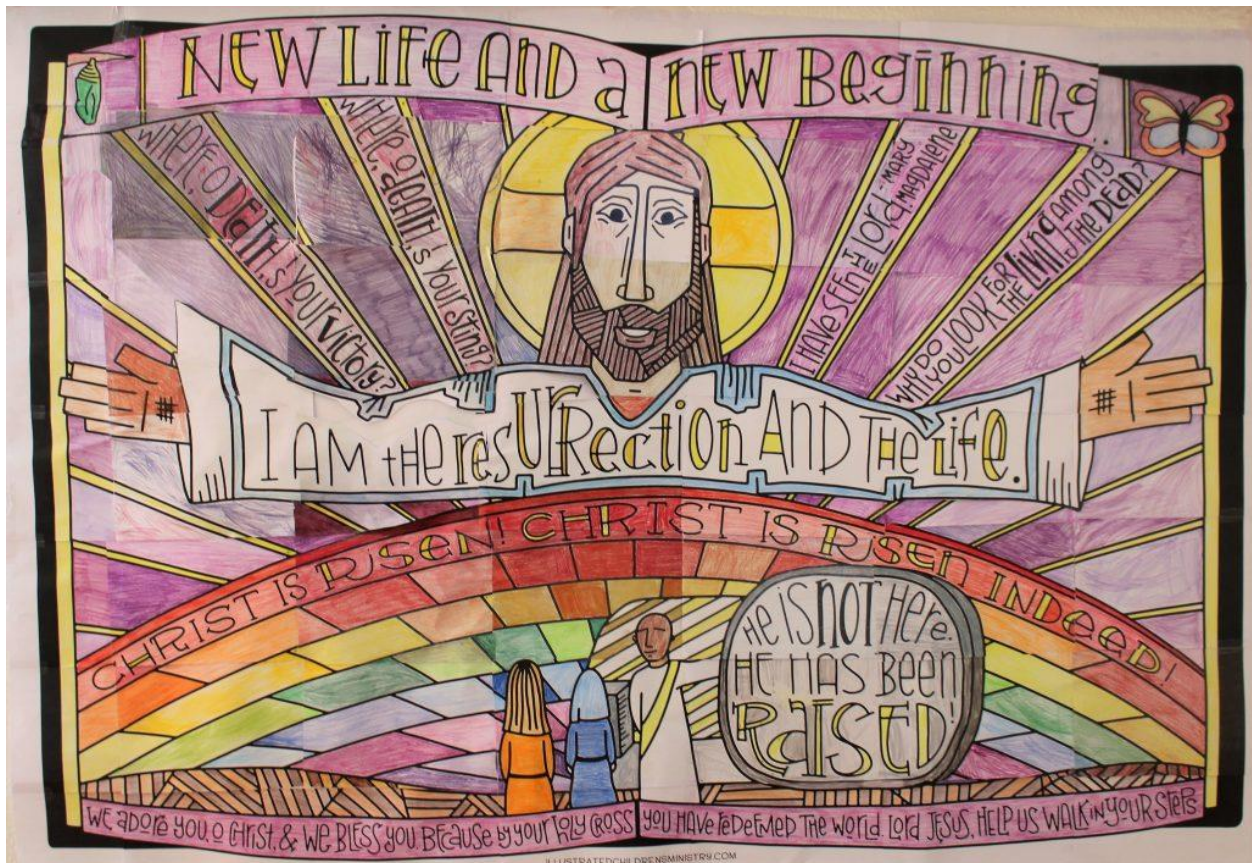
Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen! Amen!

New Testament Lesson

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

Colossians 1:15-18

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
Let the Children Come to Him!



Children's Sermon

Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi

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

Ellie Stager, Guitar and Vocals

Open thou my eyes and I shall see
Incline my heart and I shall desire
Order my step and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments

Open thou my ears and I shall hear
Dispel my pride and I shall surrender
Spirit of God my Teacher be
In the ways of thy commandments

Open thou my eyes and I shall see
Incline my heart and I shall desire
Order my step and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments

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 Second Word: “Treasure My Face” | The Father’s Ten Good Words

For Pastor Sam’s Evening Service sermon and other IPC sermons, check out the [IPC Sermons page](#).)

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).

Ewa Soluch (piano), Ellie Stager (vocals), and Andy Stager (various).

(Musical Notation for the tune BEECHER [PDF])

Sing, all souls, with joy and wonder
Sing your Father’s very heart
Echo back his love and thunder
Never from his words depart
Sing! Your Lord for freedom saved you
From the Pharaoh of your sin
Sing! A way his grace has paved you
His own Promised Land to win

Sing the song of none but Jesus
He’s the Father’s chosen King
No one like our Lord has freed us
To no other praises bring
Sing! And serve no graven idol
Deaf and dumb: how can they save?

Sing! And serve alone your Sovereign
You're his child and not a slave!

Sing his name with holy reverence
On your tongues its sweetness taste
Taste and savor all his goodness
Not a honeyed morsel waste
Sing each day as dawn is breaking
Sing from morn to eventide
Sing, the Sabbath not forsaking
In his house all day abide

Sing, all souls, with joy and wonder
Sing your Father's very heart
Echo back his love and thunder
Never from his words depart
Sing! Your Lord for freedom saved you
From the Pharaoh of your sin
Sing! A way his grace has paved you
His own Promised Land to win

Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

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

Title | Musician

***Doxology**

Ruth Pfister, organ

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!
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

Announcements

***Sending Song**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Text: John Fawcett (1786)

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS (Sicilian melody)

Ruth Pfister, organ

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to the truth may we be found.

Of your love some gracious token
grant us, Lord, before we go;
bless your word which has been spoken,
life and peace on all bestow.
O direct us and protect us
in the paths we do not know.

So that when your love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey:
may we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor

Musician: Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 538)
Ruth Pfister, organ

*Don't forget that your pastors are available to speak with you.
See Andy or Sam's calendars to make an appointment.*