

## Notes on Today's Worship Service

Welcome to worship this fifth Sunday in Lent. We're glad you've gathered virtually 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.

We will celebrate **The Lord's Supper** in our virtual services. Hopefully, if you desire to commune, you have bread and wine or juice, and can participate with us.

**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!

**Video Syncing.** Please be ready to play embedded videos 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.

**Stay afterward for Virtual Coffee Hour!** Pour a cup of coffee and enjoy fellowship for 20 minutes after the service concludes.

**Sermon Discussion.** Andy will lead an informal discussion and Q&A time after coffee hour for any who want to stick around and talk through the Bible teaching.

## Gathering in God's Presence

### Greeting

*The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.*  
From Philemon 3

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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 4

He answers when we call, for he is our righteous God!

**He will give us relief from our distress; let us call on him, for he will have mercy on us, and hear our prayer!**

Who else can prosper our way but the Lord our God?

## **May the light of his face shine upon us!**

Who can fill our hearts with joy—like when grain and wine are plentiful?

**Only he can give us peace, rest, and safety. Let us call on his name!**

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.*

Gracious God, no one else hears our cries, brings relief, orders our steps, offers us peace, and comforts us in times of distress like you do. And so we turn to no one else but you. As we pray, praise your name, hear your Word, gather at your table, and are commissioned to follow our Savior in the days ahead, make yourself known to us in power and peace! And when we conclude our time of worship, send us forth with the light of your own face beaming upon us in love. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

### All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

## 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 4

*For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David.*

- 1 Answer me when I call to you,  
my righteous God.  
Give me relief from my distress;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you people turn my glory into shame?  
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
- 3 Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- 4 Tremble and do not sin;  
when you are on your beds,  
search your hearts and be silent.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of the righteous  
and trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"  
Let the light of your face shine on us.
- 7 Fill my heart with joy  
when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
for you alone, Lord,  
make me dwell in safety.

## Confession of Faith

*Christians across the world and through the centuries have remained faithful to these beautiful truths about the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.*

### **The Nicene Creed (AD 381)**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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 is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## Gloria Patri

*This ancient song praises the Father, Son, and Spirit, and reminds us that glory belongs to our God from before time all the way through eternity.*

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
Ever three and ever one!  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!

## 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.*

Gracious God, open your Word to us, so that the places in our lives that are full of distress will experience the peace of your presence; so that the abundance we lack might be supplied by your fullness; and so that the sins that remain covered by our pride and ignorance are exposed and forgiven by your mercy. Pour out your Spirit upon us as we read and meditate, and give us the pleasure of sensing the very presence of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, in our midst as we attend to his teaching. In his name, Amen.

## Children's Sermon (video)

### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 32:1-14

**32:1** When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." <sup>2</sup> Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." <sup>6</sup> So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup> They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' <sup>9</sup> "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### New Testament Lesson

#### **For Andy's Sermon: John 16:16-33**

**16:16** Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." <sup>17</sup> At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> They kept asking,

“What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? <sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. <sup>25</sup> Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. <sup>27</sup> No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

<sup>31</sup> “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. <sup>32</sup> “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

<sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

#### **For Sam’s Sermon: John 17:1-5**

**17:1** After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Sermon: “Lent in the Upper Room (Part 9): Do You Now Believe?” (Pastor Andy) (video)

Sermon: “Lent in the Upper Room (Part 10): How is He Glorified?” (Pastor Sam) (video)

## Responding to God's Word

### Song of Response

Be Still My Soul

### Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

From Psalm 4

Gracious God, you tell us: "search your hearts and be silent," and so we make our offerings, from our hearts to yours, in secret, without drawing attention to ourselves. You call us to "offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord," so we give you these tithes and offerings, knowing that you have made us righteous by your grace, and have demonstrated just how trustworthy you really are through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whose name we pray and through whom we offer these gifts. Amen.

*Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint.*

### Offertory

You Say

Written by Paul Mabury, Lauren Ashley Daigle, and Jason Ingram

Performed by Heather and Claire Altermatt  
I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up  
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?  
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours  
And I believe  
I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

## Gathering Around the Lord's Table

### Invitation

We join together at the Lord's Table to remember the way our Lord Jesus gave his life for us, and to experience his resurrection life, as he communes intimately with us. If you are trusting in Jesus, you are welcome to commune with us. If for any reason you are not communing with us today, please receive this blessing instead:

May Jesus draw you near to himself, show you his grace and glory, and give you courage and peace to follow him in the days ahead. Amen

### Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Gracious God, it is truly good and right that we should always praise and magnify your name, for you have made us for yourself, you have made a world for us to inhabit and enjoy, and you have given your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from all the sin with which we have spoiled your good creation and tarnished your image. Through him we come to you with great hope, rejoicing with joy unspeakable, and awaiting the redemption of our bodies and the renewal of the whole creation, until that day when we praise you in resurrection glory with angles and archangels and the whole host of heaven, with whom we exalt your holy name even now, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### The Passing of Christ's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you!**

Let us extend the peace of Christ to one another!

### The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26



<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

### Prayer of Consecration

Heavenly Father, as we draw near to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, be pleased to share in intimate communion with us through him. Set apart these common things—bread, wine, juice—for this glorious and holy purpose. And use this table fellowship to nourish our spirits, to strengthen our witness, and to unite us as your people, to the honor and glory of our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### The Bread and the Cup

As we take the bread, we say: This is his body, given for you: take and eat.

As we take the cup, we say: This is his blood, shed for you: take and drink.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, thank you for being pleased to see us in communion with yourself through your Son, by the power of your Spirit, despite the distance between heaven where Jesus sits and earth where we sit, and despite the distance we sit from one another. We are reminded that neither height nor depth, nor life nor death, nor anything in all creation is able to separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. And we rejoice that you will keep us in the palm of your hands as your treasured possession until that day when our faith becomes sight, and we see our Savior face to face. Make that day come quickly, and make us faithful until that day. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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.*

Gracious God, we begin by praising and exalting you. You made us, and then, despite our sin, you sent your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the fullness of time, to be for us our own wisdom, our own righteousness, and our sanctification. We thank you for giving us access to you, for you are a loving Father who welcomes his children. We worship you for giving the Lord Jesus to us, to be an elder brother who protects and

defends us, and shows us how to live for your glory. We honor you for your victory, because through Jesus, you have overcome all the sin, death, and hell into which our world had fallen, and you have granted to us full redemption and a rich inheritance.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, we pray for our world. You love everything you have made, and you have made everything with skill and declared it good. Yet we live in a world that is broken because of our sin. May the Prince of Peace bring all wars to an end. May the One who does not crush bruised reeds or snuff out smoldering wicks show tenderness to the refugee, the widow, the orphan, and all others who are vulnerable, oppressed, abused, and frightened. May the Bread of Life provide nourishment where there are those who hunger. May the Great Physician bring healing to those who suffer from disease, weak immune systems, or mental distress. May the Wonderful Counselor speak words of wisdom to those who are perplexed and those who must make difficult decisions in homes, in communities, in businesses, and in governments.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord Jesus, we ask you to be tender to your beloved church. She seeks to be faithful to you by bearing witness, in word and deed, among every nation. Especially in this time of global uncertainty, strengthen your church to be a light shining in a dark place; to be salt that preserves and seasons cultures, relationships, and activities that honor you; to be beautiful feet bringing good news when the news seems always grim. Mobilize every Christian believer to be courageous, humble, and wise, in order that your one church in the world might reflect your own boldness, meekness, and prudence, for your name's sake and for the sake of the world you so love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, come and fill our beloved church, IPC, so that our bonds of love are not broken by our distance, but rather fastened more firmly together. Remind us by the Scriptures you have inspired that everything Jesus taught us is worth obeying joyfully. Give us creativity, energy, and perseverance, that we might press on with determination toward the purposes for which you brought us together as an international fellowship in Zurich. Through this challenge, mold and shape us for the greater fruitfulness in the next seasons of our ministry together. Fill us with your peace—each indispensable member, and the body together.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, Son, and Spirit, you have made each of us fearfully and wonderfully. Fashion each of us to do a unique ministry that only we are able to do. Yet make us convinced that each of us serves for your glory alone. Give us each great delight in our status as children of the living God. And give every one of us growth in your grace, as we grow up into the fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ, our Master and Friend.

Lord, in your mercy, **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 Commission and Blessing

### Sending Song

#### Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## Commissioning and Benediction

Dear friends in Christ, every one of our sorrows will one day turn to joy. Every one of our small joys will be made complete. Every one of your troubles will be calmed by the peace of Christ. We have the beginnings of this joy and peace now, and the fullness of what Jesus has won for us is absolutely guaranteed to us, and is coming to us soon. Take heart! And—even while you are, for the time being, scattered—know that you are

scattered for a purpose, just as you will be gathered for a purpose. Whether you are scattered or gathered, believe in Jesus, and be his witnesses.

As you follow Jesus this week, go with his blessing upon you:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And may the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and abide with you, both now and forever. Amen!

## Questions for Discussion

1. Which of the three things Jesus promises for his disciples in this passage (his Victory, his Intimacy, his Jubilee) are the most difficult for you to believe and experience? With which of them are you most familiar? Why?
2. Can you explain the “already/not-yet” dynamic of the Christian experience? Do you think you tend to live your day-to-day life more conscious of the “already,” or of the “not-yet”? Why?
- 3 Why is it so important to understand that “the Father himself loves you”? What’s wrong with saying “God loves you because Christ died for you”?
4. Do you have difficulty with the idea of experiencing intimacy with an invisible God? What do you think of Pastor Andy’s claim that our intimacy problem is not so much God’s invisibility as our iniquity? How does Jesus solve that problem and offer us his own intimacy with the Father?
5. Thinking back to the already/not-yet dynamic: Do you think your Christian life has a healthy combination of honest sorrows resulting from our broken world, and unspeakable joy in the knowledge that Jesus has won the victory and given us the Father’s intimacy?
6. What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it? Who do you need to help you?