

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



March 12, 2023

11:30

Third Sunday
of Lent

Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Prelude in D Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656 – 1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.
I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

*Call to Worship

Richard Cupples

Leader: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

People: Let us love the LORD our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength.

Leader: Let this commandment be on our heart tonight, when we go from here, and when we lie down.

People: We worship you God, your love endures forever.

(Based on the Shema, traditionally recited 2x/day, Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

*Hymn of Praise

#533 "O Perfect Love"

Text: Dorothy Frances Gurney; Music: Joseph Barnby

Examination

Eric Ohlund, Elder for Personnel, Property & Planning

Leader: You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

**People: Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

**See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: Please join me in silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

People: Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We are sorry for the sins we have done against you. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his lovingkindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Text: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (p. 185)

Richard Cupples

Meditation

"Love Never Fails"

Music: Gabriel Fauré

Chris Hux, Tenor; Ruth Pfister, Piano

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (p. 1154)

Sermon

"Love is..."

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 13 #2

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#531 "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith; Music: Peter Cutts

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Eric Ohlund

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Music: Charles Gounod

Chris Hux, Tenor; Ruth Pfister, Piano

***Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Eric Ohlund

The Lord's Prayer

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, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who have trespassed 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

Welcoming of Guests

Eric Ohlund

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication (Insert)**

"The Gift of Love"

Text: Hal Hopson; Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. Hal Hopson

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

"Agnus Dei" and "Deo Gratias" from "Mass for the Monasteries"

François Couperin (1668 – 1733)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly.

***Please stand if you are able.**