

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



February 18, 2024

11:30

1st 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

"Plein jeu" from the Gloria of the "Mass for the Parishes"
Francois Couperin 1668 - 1733:

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 123:1-2

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he has mercy upon us.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Nathan Wannemacher

*Call to Worship

Liliane Altermatt

Leader: We will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

People: with our mouths we will make your faithfulness known!

Leader: We will declare that your love stands firm forever,

People: that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Leader: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD. (Based on Psalm 89)

*Hymn of Praise #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

Words: Robert Grant; Music: Attr. Johann Michael Haydn

Prayer of Confession

Heather Altermatt, Morning Worship Elder

**People: Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have
done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news!

People: Who is in a position to condemn?

Leader: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another.

People: The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. (Colossians 3:12-15, NJB)

***Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

Words by Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children are dismissed to their special program.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 130 (pp. 624-625)

Liliane Altermatt

Meditation

"Chromhorne sur la Taille"

Ruth Pfister, Organ

from the Gloria of the "Mass for the Monasteries" by François Couperin

New Testament Reading

John 3:16-18 (p. 1066)

Sermon

"Lessons from the Depths:

Nathan Wannemacher

What Psalm 130 Teaches Us about Our Darkest Days"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response #240 "Out of the Depths"

Words and music: Martin Luther, trans. Richard Massie, harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Heather Altermatt

Offertory

Adagio in a flat minor BWV 564

Ruth Pfister, Organ

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

*Doxology

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

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Heather Altermatt

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 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

Welcoming of Guests

Heather Altermatt

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Words: Claudia F. I. Hernaman; Music: Day's *Psalter*

*Sending and Pastoral Benediction

Nathan Wannemacher

Postlude

Fugue in F Major BWV 540 by Johann Sebastian Bach

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.***