

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



March 19, 2023

11:30

Fourth 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**

Little Prelude Nr 1 BWV 553 in C Major  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)  
Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

### **Welcome and Commissioning Prayer**

Rev. Dennis Wright

### **\*Call to Worship**

Blesson George

Leader: God in Christ has revealed to us his glory.

**People: Come let us worship.**

Leader: God in Christ has revealed to us his love,

**People: through his death and resurrection.**

Leader: God's love never fails. Let us praise him together!

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

#171 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Text: Henry Williams Baker; Music: Ancient Irish melody

### **Examination**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Search our hearts, God, and reveal to us any wrongdoing. Show us where we have lived for ourselves, and not for you. Reveal to us how we have hurt you, others, and ourselves. Make clear our motivations and desires, and mold and form us more into your image. Please join me in silent confession.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Holy and merciful Father, we confess in your presence our sins.

**People: We are so often quick to do evil, and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

Leader: Have mercy on us Lord.

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: "Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit (Psalm 32:1)" Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven! All thanks be to God!

## **\*Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **First Scripture Reading**

1 John 4:7-11 (p. 1227)

Blesson George

### **Meditation**

"Tell Your Heart to Beat Again"

Bernie Herms, Randy Phillips and Matthew West

Claire and Heather Altermatt, Vocals

Adrienne Breeze, Guitar; Christine Weeks, Piano

### **Second Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 (pp. 1154-1155)

### **Sermon**

"Love never ends"

Rev. Dennis Wright

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 13 #3

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

Jean-Claude Gottraux,  
Council Chairperson

### **Offertory**

"Believe for It"

Dwan Hill, Kyle Lee, Cece Winans and Mitch Wong

Claire and Heather Altermatt, Vocals

Adrienne Breeze, Guitar; Christine Weeks, Piano

## **\*Doxology**

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

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

## **Testimony**

Joël Duss

## **Prayers of the People**

Jean-Claude Gottraux

## **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**

Jean-Claude Gottraux

### **Announcements**

### **\*Hymn of Dedication**

#376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

### **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

### **Postlude**

Prelude in F Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656 – 1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

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

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