Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



January 2, 2022 12:00

Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

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

Prelude

Prelude in C major, BuxWV 137 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Meditation on the Psalm of the Day

Psalm 63:1-5

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

People: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

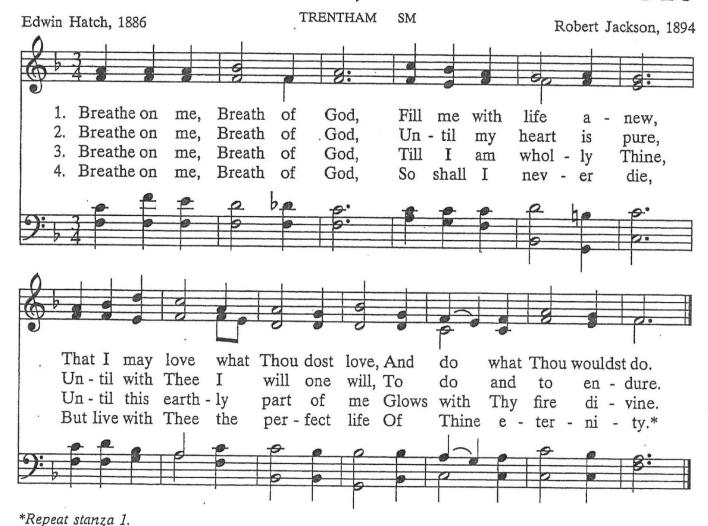
Leader: Let us together worship our God, who brings true rest to his people.

*Hymn of Praise

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Words: Edwin Hatch,1886 Music: Robert Jackson, 1894

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Examination

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.

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.

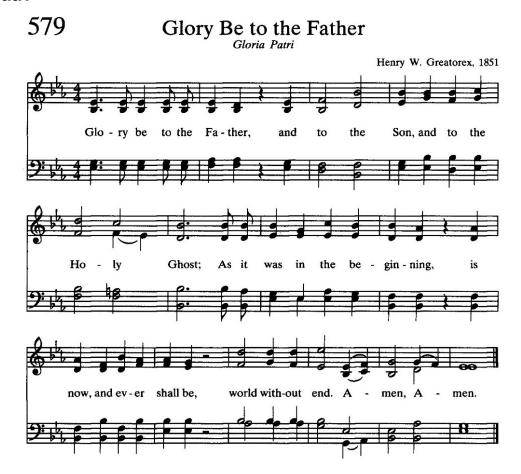
Leader: Have mercy on us Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

"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



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children's activity bags are available from the ushers.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 139:1-12

- ¹You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
- if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Meditation

Toccato Sortie Auguste Larriu (1840-1925)

New Testament Reading

1 John 1:1-4

- ¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.
- ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.
- ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

Sermon

"Fellowship with God" Rev. Dennis Wright

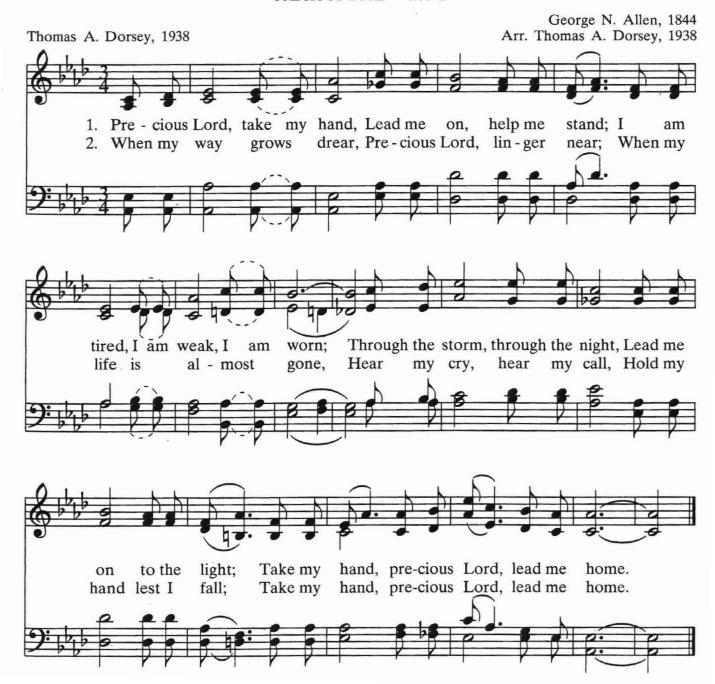
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Words: Thomas Dorsey, 1938 Music: George N. Allen, 1844

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Vicky Lee, Elder for Fellowship

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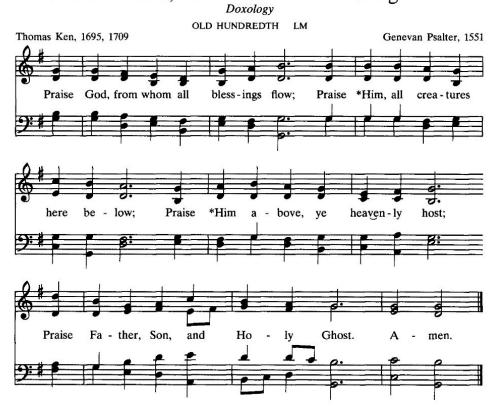
Offertory

Prelude in C major, BWV 943 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

*Doxology

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Prayers of the People

Vicky Lee

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

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

"The Church's One Foundation" Words: Samuel John Stone, 1866

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C major, BWV 545 Johann Sebastian Bach

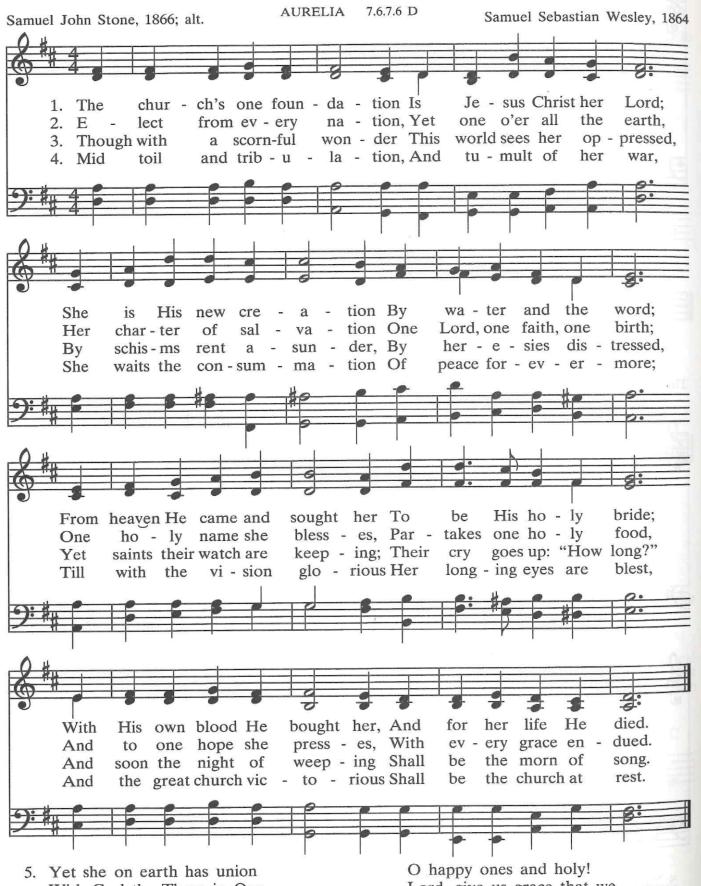
*Please stand if you are able.

IPC Covenant

Recognizing full liberty of individual interpretation, and taking cognizance of the various statements of faith under which its members may have made their professions, we, the members of this church, associate ourselves with all who follow Jesus, and promise to work with one another in this church to further its Christian testimony through worship and in service, supporting its efforts as best we are able.

We humbly repent of all the selfishness that is in us and of the wrongs that we have done and trusting in God's love to forgive, guide and strengthen us, hereby propose to love him with all our heart and mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. We resolve to follow the Biblical injunction to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God; to take Jesus Christ as Savior and Master, his Spirit as our spirit, and his way of life as ours.

We promise to pray, to work and, if need be, to suffer for the realization of righteousness and freedom, and to seek as God's children to fulfill together our common calling to the glory of the one God.



5. Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.

Serving Today:

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Wright

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp Musicians: Ruth Pfister, Organ; Sebastian Bergholz, Organ

Elder: Vicky Lee, Elder for Fellowship

Reader: Eric Ohlund

Ushers: Kris Vail and Edmund Nelson

Altar Guild: Dev Akshintala

Zoom Livestream: Stefan Heuberger & Chile Anhut

Sound: Christoph Meister

Prayer Team: Gabi and Boopathy Dhanapal

For parents:

For any parents who need to leave the service with their infant, please feel free to join the Zoom simulcast on your phone so you don't miss anything.

The meeting ID is 950 9439 6439 and the password is 203719.

IPC Calendar:

Sunday, January 2, 2022

• 18:00: In-person Evening Worship

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

• 7:00: Men's Breakfast, led by Pastor Dennis Wright

Sunday, January 9, 2022

• 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship

• 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Men's Breakfast

"How to Know and Live the Will of God"

Dennis Wright will lead our first Men's Breakfast this year. Join us for a time of learning, fellowship and sharing. It is also a great opportunity to get to know Dennis and for him to get to know us.

Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00 via Zoom

Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

Save the date: the ACM will be held on Sunday, January 30, after the morning service.

Bible@10

New study starting on January 16.

Come join us at Bible@10 as Phillip Jensen's study guide takes us through Paul's letters to Timothy in seven Bible studies for small groups. Come even if you cannot be part of it every Sunday – you will still profit from the study and enjoy the group.

On Zoom at 9:30 every Sunday. See the study plan on the website.

Lenten Devotional Writers

"The Cross of Jesus Leads Us to An Empty Tomb."

The Lenten Devotional is written for and by the IPC church family who share their insights. This year it will take us on a journey with Jesus that will lead us through his teaching, his cross and bring us to an empty tomb. As Christians living in 2022, we will remember and consider the implications found in these teachings, in his cross and in the empty tomb that shape our lives of faith today.

Please contact the office if you would like to sign up as a writer.

Office Hours: Please Email or Call

The IPC staff is working both in the office and at home right now.

Please call (044 262 55 25) during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-17:00) or email (office@ipc-zurich.org) to make sure the office is open before stopping by.

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!

Many thanks for stopping by, and we hope that your time with us will be rewarding and enriching as we worship Christ together.

Activity booklets and sermon notes pages for children are available on the table just outside the sanctuary.

Get Connected

The best ways for you to begin at IPC are:

- Join a Home Group
- Sign up to receive the e-newsletter
- Serve at IPC
- Become a member

For more information about programs and events, visit ipc-zurich.org.

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