

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



April 23, 2023

11:30

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

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux
Nicolas de Grigny (1672 – 1703)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 50:1-2

The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Nathan Wannemacher

*Call to Worship

Lydia Meister

Leader: LORD, we come before you today in humility.

People: We need your help to live for you.

Leader: We need your wisdom and your knowledge.

People: Bear good fruit in us, and strengthen us with your power.

Leader: Give us the endurance and patience we need.

People: We worship you together with joy, for you are good!

*Hymn of Praise

#449 "My Lord! What a Morning"

Text and music: African-American spiritual; Arr. Melva W. Costen

Examination

Birgit David, Elder for Adult Education & Retreats

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

First Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-14 (p. 1182)

Lydia Meister

Meditation

"O Holy Spirit"

Music by Norman L. Warren

Samira Darby, Vocals; Gordon Schultz, Piano

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65: 17-19 (p. 753)

Sermon

"Our Hope Laid up in Heaven"

Nathan Wannemacher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#396 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

Text: William Cowper; Music: Scottish Psalter

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Birgit David

Offertory

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Text: Civilla D. Martin; Music: Charles H. Gabriel

Samira Darby, Vocals; Gordon Schultz, Piano

***Doxology**

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

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Birgit David

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

Birgit David

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Damaris

***Hymn of Dedication**

#485 "To God Be the Glory"

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby; Music: William Howard Doane

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Nathan Wannemacher

Postlude

Fugue from Sonata op. 65 Nr. 2 in C Minor

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

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