

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



November 28, 2021
12:00



Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Nelson Family

Prelude

Prelude in E flat Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer 1656 - 1746

Meditation on the Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85

We meditate on our Psalm of the Day, filling our imaginations with poetic imagery that orients our hearts toward the Lord.

You, LORD, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 85)

Johannah Lindenstruth

Leader: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob

People: **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with God. Usually we use the text of our Psalm of the Day. We summon one another to enter God's presence together.

People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Open My Eyes”

Music: Clara H. Fiske Scott

♩ = 100



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps - es of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear, Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
O - pen my heart and let me pre - pare Love with Thy child - ren thus to share.

Refrain



Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Rea - dy my God, Thy will to see, O - pen my eyes, il -



- lum - ine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he arose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

With Christians across the world and through the centuries, we state our common faith through the words of this ancient creed (ca. AD 390).

*Gloria Patri

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.'

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

*We pray for God
to show us grace
and truth from his
Word.*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Meditation

"Peace Like a River / Kum Ba Yah "

Music: Traditional Spirituals

Arr.: Jean Anne Shafferman

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon

“Comfort My People!”

Rev. Chris Dippenaar

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response

“O for a Closer Walk with God”

Words: William Cowper, 1772

Music: Dalehurst; Arthur Cottman, 1874

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O for a Closer Walk with God

William Cowper, 1772

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DALEHURST
Arthur Cottman, 1874

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, A calm and heaven - ly frame,
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes - sen - ger of rest!
3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,
4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.
So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb. A-MEN.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Heather Altermatt, Elder for Morning Worship

IPC is a self-supporting church. We are reliant on and very thankful for your regular giving to finance the church and to support our missions, charities and those less fortunate in our community.

Please prayerfully consider giving via bank online transfer, Twint or Paypal. The banking information and payment method links can be found on the IPC website, as well as at the back of the bulletin.

Offertory

“Alleluia, St Francis’ Hymn”

English version: W. B. Olds

Music: 17th Century German Melody; Arr. Harry R. Wilson

*Doxology

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea- tures here be- low; Praise *Him a- bove, ye heaven- ly host; Praise Fa- ther, Son, and Ho- ly Ghost. A- men." The asterisk indicates a specific note for the vocal line.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Leader: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer you our thanks and praise, O God ... And so, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and gracious name, through our Lord Jesus Christ, forever praising you and saying:

Following Jesus' instruction, we share the bread and the cup to remember how he gave his body and blood on the cross for us. In this meal, we enjoy rich fellowship with one another, and with Jesus.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in
the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution: The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Words: Daniel ben Judah, 1404; Trans.: Max Landsberg & Newton Mann, 1885

Music: Hebrew melody; Adapt. Thomas Olivers & Meyer Lyon, 1770

See following page

The God of Abraham Praise

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Daniel ben Judah, 1404

Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.

Hebrew melody
Adapt. Thomas Olivers
and Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;
3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!
In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,
Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,
We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;

We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.
Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.
The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in F Minor BWV 534

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685 - 1750

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

Serving Today:

Preacher: Rev. Chris Dippenaar

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp

Musicians: Adult Choir and Ruth Pfister, Organ

Elder: Heather Altermatt, Elder for Morning Worship

Reader: Johannah Lindenstruth

Ushers: Paul, Eva and Edmund Nelson

Communion Team: Paul and Diana Lim

Zoom Livestream: Stephan Heuberger and Chile Anhut

Sound: Michal Partl

Prayer Team: Paul & Diana

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**.

The phone number for the Sunday School Safety Officer stationed in the Kantonsschule is 077 526 51 64.

This Week at IPC:

Sunday, November 28

- 13:30: Coffee Hour
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship
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Wednesday, December 1

- 7:00: Men's Breakfast (on Zoom)
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Sunday, December 5

- 9:30: Online Bible@10
- 10:30: Youth
- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship & Sunday School
- 13:30: Coffee Hour
- 15:30: Young People's Bible Study
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Announcements:

Love in a Box

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Love in a Box campaign - it was a great success once again! 221 boxes and currently over CHF 2,000 in donations for transport costs have been collected. Our boxes will go to Moldavia, helping to spread God's love and bringing joy to many of the poorest people there this Christmas. If you couldn't do a box this year but would still like to contribute to this very worthwhile cause, you can still donate using this QR code by midnight tonight.



Love in a Box

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, December 1 // 7:00 on Zoom

Jean-Claude: "Living gloriously in difficult times"

Suffering, trials and tribulations; how to make sense of it, from a personal and biblical perspective. Please refresh your knowledge of Job, one of the ultimate examples of faithfulness and fortitude, before the session. Participants may share personal stories and experiences regarding the good and bad things happening in their lives and how they see God's hand in it.

Christmas Celebrations

Youth Group Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11 // French Church Hall // 17:00-21:00

Join us for an evening of fun, a gift exchange, food, a photo booth, and various Christmas festivities!

Please bring a gift (CHF15.- max.) for the gift exchange. Dress in your Christmas best! (or an ugly Christmas sweater, if you have one!)

Carols and Cookies

Sunday, December 12 // Methodist Hall // 13:45

'Tis the season to be jolly! Come and join the merry chorus of carols.

We will sing carols and enjoy chicken soup, bread, homemade cookies, apple cider and more. Wear a festive Christmas outfit and bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share. PLEASE register on the website so we can cater correctly.

Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, December 24 // French Church // 18:00

Volunteers needed

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) us 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.

Headsets for hearing aids are available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

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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