

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday
of Lent
12:00

Children-led Worship



Artwork by Noemi and Samuel Soluch

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

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

Prelude

Prelude in E flat Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656 – 1746)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 109:3-5

*They encircle me with words of hate,
and attack me without cause.*

*In return for my love they accuse me,
but I give myself to prayer.*

*So they reward me evil for good,
and hatred for my love.*

*Call to Worship

Jolene Blesson

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

People: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Give us the joy of your saving help

People: and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn of Praise #293

“This is my Father’s World”

Text: Maltbie Davenport Babcock

Music: Franklin L. Sheppard

Examination

Vicky Lee

Elder for Fellowship & Special Events

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

People: call upon him while he is near.

Leader: Let the wicked abandon their ways

People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Leader: Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

People: to our God who will richly pardon.

Leader: Let us silently search our hearts, and confess to God our sins.

Prayer of Confession

People: Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The LORD of all mercies has cleansed *us* from *our* sins, and has restored *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessed be the Lord, who has heard the voice of our prayer; therefore shall our hearts dance for joy and in our song will we praise our God!

***Gloria Patri #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Music: H.W. Greatorex

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children’s Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Old Testament Reading

Sophia McMahon

Isaiah 53:1-6

¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Meditation

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

P.O.S.T. (Prayer, Offering
and Singing Together)
Ruth Pfister, Piano

I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

Ich bin entschieden zu folgen Jesus (3x)
Niemals zurück, niemals zurück.

I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

New Testament Reading

Eleanor Bischoff

Luke 23: 6-25

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean.⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort.⁹ He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.

¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people,¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him.

¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death.¹⁶ Therefore, I will punish him and then release him. "

¹⁸ But the whole crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!"

¹⁹ (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again.

²¹ But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" ²² For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand.²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

Sermon

"Why did Jesus have to die?"

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Hymn of Dedication #76**

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1664

Music: John Ireland, 1918

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in A Major, BWV 536

Johann Sebastian Bach (1650 – 1750)

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

Serving Today:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dennis Wright

Youth Intern: Nathan Wannemacher

Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp

Musicians: Ruth Pfister, Organ

Elder: Vicky Lee

Altar Guild: Eva Nelson

Sound: Michal Partl

Prayer: Barbara Bagajo & Christina Gautschi

Zoom Livestream: Fleur Fahner, Matt Kägi, assisted by: Pranay Richard,

Thomas van Staden & Deeya Akshintala

Serving Today: Sunday School Children

Music: P.O.S.T; Luke & Mark Class; Adrienne Breeze, Guitar

Readers: Jolene Blesson, Sophia McMahon, Eleanor Bischoff, Elodie Kolo,

Tessa Henne

Ushers: Siena Breeze, Rebecca Cupples, Anna Cavaliere, Emma Cavaliere

Greeters: Ezra van Staden, Jan Meades

Clean up: Joshua Cupples, Guy Breneman

Coffee Hour: Pranay Richard, Elka van Staden, Moya Meades

Bulletin Art: Noemi, Samuel and Oliwia Soluch

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**.

Announcements

All-church Retreat - May 13-15

“Living in God's Household.”

Sign up today during Coffee Fellowship or online.

Coffee Fellowship

Come and join us in the Methodist Hall after the service and enjoy hot cross buns freshly baked by Jamie Yi.

IPC Calendar:

Sunday, April 3, 2022

13:30: Coffee Fellowship & Bookstall
16:00: Afternoon Youth Group
18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship
19:30: Evening Service Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

7:00: Men's Breakfast (led by Jürg Kessler)

Friday, April 8, 2022

19:00: Nexus Dance Evening

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

9:30: Bible@10
10:30: Morning Youth Group
12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship
12:00: Sunday School
13:30: Coffee Fellowship
14:00: Retreat Planning Meeting
16:00: Afternoon Youth Group
18:00: In-person/Online Evening Communion Service

Maundy Thursday Service

Join us on **Thursday, April 14** at 19:00 in the Methodist Hall for a meditative, contemplative service with texts and songs centered around communion.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15 at 10:00 at St. Andrew's. Pastor Dennis will be preaching.

All Night Easter Celebration

Starting **Saturday, April 16** at **19:00**, and ending Sunday morning, we will spend all night celebrating what Jesus has done for us on the cross and in his resurrection! Join for a time of potluck feasting, followed by outreach, sharing, praying, worship, and fellowship, culminating with worship at the lake at sunrise! Contact Nathan for more.

VBG and iCafé

Did my neurons make me do it? Brain, mind and free will

VBG and iCafé invite members of the congregation to attend a lecture by Prof. Newsome on Tuesday, April 5 at 18:15 in the Aula of the University of Zurich.

Worship Bulletin

Each week the worship bulletin is published on the morning worship page of the website. If you prefer an electronic version, you can download it from Friday afternoon.

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

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Jenny Bärlocher, Jane Burger, Sarah da Ponte, Keith Hennings, Patty Jehle, Jürg Kessler, Johnson Oduwaiye, Rob-Roy Roedel and Giannina Wild

Prayers

For prayer concerns please send a message to Pastor Dennis at pastor@ipc-zurich.org. These messages go directly to Pastor Dennis. Jürg Kessler manages the IPC prayer chain. Contact him to join us in praying for our IPC community.

Giving

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. All details on the website.

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