

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



December 31, 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

Symphony in B flat

Nicolas Lebeque (1631 – 1702)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Paula Somm

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, who forgives all your sins, who redeems your life from the pit.

Leader: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

People: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul! (Based on Psalm 103)

***Hymn of Praise**

#468 "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Words by George Herberg; Music by Erik Routley

***The Apostles' Creed**

**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 rose 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 the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Words by Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children are dismissed to their special program.

Old Testament Reading

Paula Somm

Psalm 57 (pp. 576-577)

Meditation

Recit de Tierce from the Gloria of the Mass for the Monasteries

Francois Couperin (1668 – 1733)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

James 5:13-16 (p. 1216)

Sermon

"A New Year's Resolution: Sing and Make Music!"

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Hymn of Response**

#563 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Words by James Weldon Johnson; Music by J. Rosamond Johnson

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

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 for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Sue Knüsel, Elder for Fellowship
& Special Events

Offertory

Prelude in G Major op. 37 Nr. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Sue Knüsel

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Hymn of Dedication**

#145 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Words by Edward Hayes Plumptre; Music by Arthur Henry Messiter

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude

Rondo Allegretto from concerto for flutes op. 55 in F Major

Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770 – 1846)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly

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