

ORDER OF WORSHIP | 10 MAY

Notes on Today's Worship Service

Welcome to worship this Fourth Sunday of Eastertide. We're glad you've gathered with the International Protestant Church of Zurich to seek God's face.

If you're participating in a live service, here are some things to help enrich your experience. If you're worshipping on your own, most of this can be ignored.

Guests: you are very welcome! At the end of the service, we'll take a few minutes to meet you. All you need to do is un-mute yourself and say hello. Tell us your name, and where you are from.

How the service works. You may use this online order of worship, but it is not absolutely necessary if you are participating using Zoom. We will share music and slides with the lyrics via Zoom. Audio and video is provided here in the Order of Worship, but you should not play these files during the live service; we will play them and share them with you through Zoom. (You can enjoy them later on your own if you'd like.)

Headphones. If possible, wear a pair of headphones or earbuds that have a built-in microphone (as most do these days). This will improve your listening experience and will help eliminate feedback. If you're "attending" with others in the room, consider using a quality external speaker.

Muting. Awkward as it is, our "usher" will keep everyone muted for most of the service. This will keep us from experiencing accidental distractions like noise and feedback.

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.

2 Peter 1:1-2

To you who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Psalm of the Day

We begin our worship with a silent meditation on our Psalm of the Day during the Prelude. Use this time to focus your hearts and minds on God as he speaks to us through his Word.

Psalm 34

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and

he left.

- 1 I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3 Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- 6 This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- 9 Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
13 keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
- 16 but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- 19 The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;
- 20 he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.
- 21 Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Prelude

Little Prelude Nr. 8 in B flat Major BWV 560

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, organ

*Call to Worship

Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with our God, and is usually taken from our Psalm of the Day. We address one another and enter God's presence together.

From Psalm 34:1-4

Leader: Extol the LORD at all times! Let his praises always be on your lips!

People: We will glory in the LORD! Though we are afflicted, we will hear and rejoice!

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me! Let us exalt his name together!

People: We will seek the LORD, and he will answer us. It is the LORD who delivers us from all our fears.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation

Having called one another to God's praise, we turn to God and ask for his presence and power.

From Psalm 34

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, though it is our duty and our delight to extol your name at all times, we have gathered together today to exalt your name together. We come together in your presence with all our imperfections, bearing all our sorrows and afflictions, struggling with our sins and temptations, and feeling our fears in our minds and bodies. But we have come to taste and to see that you, the LORD, are good. We've come to take refuge in you. Help us to think and speak good and glorious things about you in these moments together. Give us a sense of our mission to bear your name everywhere we go, and with our thoughts, words, and deeds to live lives that tell the truth about who you are. So, LORD: overwhelm us with your majesty and comfort us with your grace, that our lives might radiate with your glory, that your name might be honored among the nations. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Song of Praise

With our Song of Praise, we begin our worship by exalting God for who he is and what he has done.

Sing, All Souls, With Joy and Wonder (The Ten Commandments)

Text: Andy Stager (2020)

Tune: BEECHER by John Zundel (1870).

Ewa Soluch (piano), Ellie Stager (vocals), and Andy Stager (various).

[\(Musical Notation for the tune BEECHER \[PDF\]\)](#)

Sing, all souls, with joy and wonder
Sing your Father's very heart
Echo back his love and thunder
Never from his words depart
Sing! Your Lord for freedom saved you
From the Pharaoh of your sin
Sing! A way his grace has paved you
His own Promised Land to win

Sing the song of none but Jesus
He's the Father's chosen King
No one like our Lord has freed us
To no other praises bring
Sing! And serve no graven idol
Deaf and dumb: how can they save?
Sing! And serve alone your Sovereign
You're his child and not a slave!

Sing his name with holy reverence
On your tongues its sweetness taste
Taste and savor all his goodness
Not a honeyed morsel waste
Sing each day as dawn is breaking
Sing from morn to eventide
Sing, the Sabbath not forsaking
In his house all day abide

Sing, all souls, with joy and wonder
Sing your Father's very heart
Echo back his love and thunder
Never from his words depart
Sing! Your Lord for freedom saved you
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His own Promised Land to win

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God to make the Scripture fresh, encouraging, and convicting to us as we sit under its ministry.

From Psalm 34

Gracious God, as we gather around the Scriptures, we humble ourselves. Whenever we have been in trouble and have cried out to you, you have listened and answered. It is our turn to listen. As your children, we come to learn the fear of the LORD. We want to

taste your goodness as we eat at your table. We want to see your goodness as we behold your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. And as we are satisfied in you, we want to turn away from unsatisfying sins. We want to do good, for you are good. Thank you for the opportunity to be your image bearers and your representatives in the world. Equip us with all we need to do it well, for the sake of Jesus, your good, true, and beautiful Word, who does all things well for our good and for your glory. Amen.

Examination

We reflect on the Psalm of the Day and use it to examine our hearts and minds, leading us to confession of our sin.

In Psalm 34, David says again and again that God *hears* the cries of righteous. Verse 15: The LORD's ears are attentive to their cry. Verse 17: The righteous cry out to the LORD, and he not only hears, but *answers*. David is going through his own difficulties, but he's surely also reflecting on God's history of listening, acting, and saving Israel. And the main story of God's hearing and responding is, of course, their Egyptian slavery, their cries for help, and God's mighty rescue in the Exodus. God has heard, and God has saved.

But now it's time for God's *people* to do the hearing. Verse 11: David says that we've got to open *our* ears and receive instruction. Do we want to experience a good life (v. 12), even if it's a hard life (v. 19)? Then it's our turn to listen, and to learn the fear of the LORD. And here, one of the most important traits of someone who fears the one who saved them is (v. 13-14) to take the same mouths that we used to cry out for help, and to set them apart for the one who saved us: to (v. 13) "keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies." To make our mouths instruments of peace (v. 14).

Let's pause for a moment and reflect on this question: do our mouths belong completely to the LORD?

Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together and ask God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Gracious God, David is right: every time we have opened our mouths to cry out for help, you have been faithful to come near and to help us. And David is also right: every word of our mouths is meant to be reserved completely for your purposes: to echo your truth and to pursue your peace. Forgive us for not reserving our mouths for words of praise and peace, truth and mercy, justice and goodness. Set our hearts apart, so that the overflow of our hearts would come forth from our mouths, and would be pleasing to you, and a blessing to one another. For the sake of Jesus, your true Word of grace and truth, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

People of God, at the end of this psalm, David declares: "No one who takes refuge in the LORD will be condemned." Years later the Apostle Paul said the same thing: "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." In fact, the very purpose for

which God has released you from condemnation in Christ is so that you will be freed to praise him, and freed to bless your neighbor—with your whole life, certainly. But particularly with your mouth. Hear the Word of God's pardon: you are forgiven and free! Now, lift up your voice to praise our three-in-one God, and set apart your mouth for the blessing of your neighbor! Amen!

*Gloria Patri
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen! Amen!

New Testament Lesson

During our current series, our New Testament lessons are selected to complement the study of the Ten Commandments.

Philippians 2:3-11

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

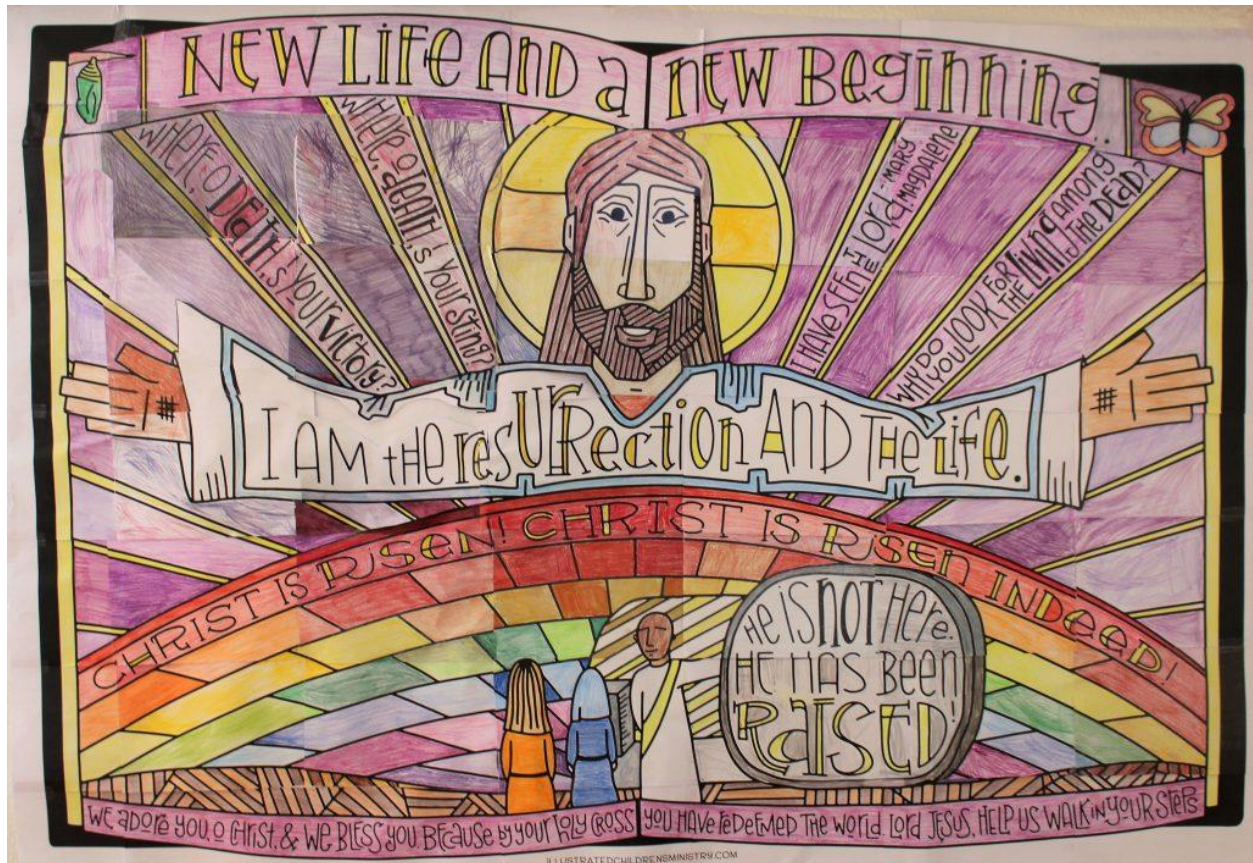
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Let the Children Come to Him!



Children's Sermon
Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi

Children's Song
Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (Ridiculous Pastor Andy Version)

Children's Resources
Sermon Notes | Children's Booklet (includes coloring and activity pages)

Preaching of the Word

Musical Collect
Open Thou My Eyes
Text: Lancelot Andrews (1565) and Isaac Wardell (2008)
Music: John Rutter, alt. Isaac Wardell
Ellie Stager, Guitar and Vocals

Open thou my eyes and I shall see
Incline my heart and I shall desire
Order my step and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments

Open thou my ears and I shall hear
Dispel my pride and I shall surrender
Spirit of God my Teacher be
In the ways of thy commandments

Open thou my eyes and I shall see
Incline my heart and I shall desire
Order my step and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-21

20 And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ **“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.**

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Sermon

The Second Word: “Treasure My Face” | The Father’s Ten Good Words

(For Pastor Sam’s Evening Service sermon and other IPC sermons, check out the [IPC Sermons page](#).)

Responding to God’s Word

*Song of Response

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Text: John Newton (1779)

Tune: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle (1836)

[Musical notation with text \(PDF\)](#)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint. For more, [click here](#).

Ordination and Installation of Elders
Liturgy for Ordination and Installation

From 1 Corinthians 12

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,

People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Pastor: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

The Vows of Elders

The Vows of the Congregation

Council Chairperson: Do we, the members of this church, receive these elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Council Chairperson: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

People: We do.

The Prayer of Ordination

Elders elected to serve in this office for the first time shall be ordained, and shall kneel during the prayer of ordination.

Declaration of Ordination

The Prayer of Installation

All elders elected to serve a new term on the Council shall be prayed for and set apart for their work by the Council Chairperson.

Declaration of Installation

Reception of Installed Elders by the Congregation

*Doxology
Ruth Pfister, organ

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Calling on the Name of the Lord

Prayers of the People
We join together in prayer. We praise God; we pray for our world, for the church, for ourselves, and we pray the Lord's Prayer.

At the end of each petition, the leader will say:

Lord, in your mercy ...

And the congregation may respond:

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Now we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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. 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
Welcome of Guests

Announcements

*Sending Song

We Are God's People

Text: Bryan Jeffery Leech (1976)

Music: SYMPHONY, Johannes Brahms (1877)

Arranged: Fred Brock (1976)

Ruth Pfister, organ

[Musical notation with text \(PDF\)](#)

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own

Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

*Commissioning and Benediction
Numbers 6:24-26
The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!

Postlude
Fugue on BACH op. 60 Nr. 2 in B flat Major
Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
Ruth Pfister, organ