

ORDER OF WORSHIP | 26 APRIL

Notes on Today's Worship Service

Welcome to worship this Third 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.

A New MWS Virtual Worship Experiment. This Sunday, we'll try a new method of experiencing Morning Worship. It will not be necessary to use this online Order of Worship (unless you would like to). We will share music and slides with the lyrics via Zoom. All the elements of the service will remain similar. We are just simplifying the experience for you as you worship from home.

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.

Stay afterward for Coffee Hour! Pour a cup of coffee and enjoy fellowship for 15 minutes or so after the service concludes. We will give instructions for entering different "rooms" for conversation.

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

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

Based on Colossians 1:1-2

From the Council, Staff, and Pastors of the International Protestant Church, to all the holy and faithful brothers and sisters of the church in Zurich: grace and peace to you from God our Father!

Psalm of the Day and Prelude

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 32

Of David. A *maskil*.

- 1 Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.

7 You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

9 Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

10 Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Performed by Christine Schultz and Gordon Schultz

*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 32

Leader: Faithful people of God, pray to the Lord while he may be found!

People: We will pray in faith, and the floodwaters will not overtake us.

Leader: He saves you, protects you, and gives you a hiding place.

People: And he sings over us, and all around us, the songs of his victory!

Leader: Let us not be like the senseless horse or mule!

People: No! We will seek his guidance for our paths, and listen intently as he advises us!

Leader: So rejoice in the Lord, and be glad, all you who obey him!

People: We will shout for joy with pure hearts!

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 32

Our great Lord and God: We have come to seek your face and to pray to you. Open your ears and your heart to our prayers, for we pray with faith.

Lord Jesus Christ: we have gathered to rejoice in your deliverance and to sing our songs of praise. Surround *us* with your own songs of deliverance, and shelter us within your own presence.

Holy Spirit: we have come to lay our hearts bare before your convicting and convincing presence and power. Help us to acknowledge our sin, to confess our need, and to submit to your work of grace in our hearts.

Father, Son, and Spirit, we worship you alone, for there are no gods like you! Receive our prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Text: Reginald Heber

Tune: John Dykes

Recording: Gordon Schultz (Piano) and Ellie Stager.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and
ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power,
in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy;
merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

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 32

Gracious God and Father, instruct us in the way we should go. Counsel us with your loving eyes upon us. Give us understanding as we hear your Word, so that we are not like stupid mules or horses. Instead, grip our hearts and capture our desires with your instruction, so that we will come to you willingly, wisely, and without waiting. Even as you open and examine our lives by your Word, surround us with your unfailing love so that we are not discouraged, but are full of trust that you are a Good Father, even as you minister your grace and truth to us through your Son in the power of your Spirit. We ask it in Christ's name. 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.

The Psalmist in Psalm 32 reflects on two feelings; two states of being; two conditions of the heart. What are they?

In verses 3-4, the heart is ashamed. It knows it is full of sin. But it can't bear the thought of being open and honest with a holy God about that sin. So it hides. The problem is that when the heart tries to be secretive, the body does not respond well. Your whole self—your spirit, soul, heart, and body—begins to groan and ache with the burden of the heart's dishonesty. Soon enough, you're as exhausted as someone after exerting themselves in the hot sun of the summer.

The other thing the heart can do is to be open and honest. Verses 1-2 tell us what the experience of the human heart is when it quits hiding from God; when the heart experiences the forgiveness of God: “Blessed.” It’s a Bible word for happiness, joy, and for living under the smile of God’s kindness and generosity.

So the Psalmist is asking us: do we want to have our guilt and sin destroy us from the inside out? Or do we want to experience the steadfast love of the Lord and the forgiveness of our sins?

Let’s confess our sins together.

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, when we attempt to hide our sin from you, we fool only ourselves. When we keep silent about our transgressions, we groan under the heaviness of your displeasure. When we lack sorrow for our sins, we lack rest by night and lack strength by day. And so we confess our sinful attitudes, words, and actions honestly before you. Our hearts are devoted to lesser loves, and not to you, our first love. And so we have also not loved our neighbors as ourselves, but have thought little of them, spoken unkindly to them, and acted without justice and mercy toward them. Hear our prayer, pardon our sins, and renew our hearts, that we might love you with whole hearts, and love our neighbors as ourselves. For Christ’s sake, Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Pardon**

People of God, Psalm 32 says: “Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity. I said ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin.” “Blessed,” the psalmist says, “is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are forgiven, ... whose sin the Lord does not count against them!” So gracious is God to us, that when we finally come clean, he cleanses us, renews us, and reinstates us in his service. Rejoice, for your sins are forgiven in Christ’s name!

*Gloria Patri

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.

Luke 10:25-28

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

“Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

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 Offering

Preaching of the Word Musical Collect

Open Thou My Eyes

Text: Lancelot Andrews (1565) and Isaac Wardell (2008)

Music: John Rutter, alt. Isaac Wardell.

Performed by Ellie Stager

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.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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

“Treasure My Glory: The Father’s Ten Good Words (Part 1)”

(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

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

Text: Andy Stager (2020); Tune: BEECHER by John Zundel (1870)

Recording by Ewa Soluch (Piano), Ellie Stager (Vocals), and Andy Stager.

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
From the Pharaoh of your sin
Sing! A way his grace has paved you
His own Promised Land to win

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](#).

Offertory

Like a River

Performed by Gordon Schultz

*Doxology

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!

Gathering at the Lord's Table

Confessing our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

To demonstrate the common faith we share with one another, with the church around the world, and with Christians through the centuries, and to prepare to commune together in one faith at the Lord's Table, we proclaim the words of this ancient Christian creed.

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

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic Church;

The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Invitation

We join together at the Lord's Table to remember the way our Lord Jesus gave his life for us, and to experience his resurrection life, as he communes intimately with us. If you are trusting in Jesus, you are welcome to commune with us. If for any reason you are not communing with us today, please receive this blessing instead:

May Jesus draw you near to himself, show you his grace and glory, and give you courage and peace to follow him in the days ahead. Amen

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Gracious God, it is truly good and right that we should always praise and magnify your name, for you have made us for yourself, you have made a world for us to inhabit and enjoy, and you have given your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from all the sin with which we have spoiled your good creation and tarnished your image. Through him we come to you with great hope, rejoicing with joy unspeakable, and awaiting the redemption of our bodies and the renewal of the whole creation, until that day when we praise you in resurrection glory with angles and archangels and the whole host of heaven, with whom we exalt your holy name even now, saying:

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!

The Passing of Christ's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!

Let us extend the peace of Christ to one another!

The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer of Consecration

Heavenly Father, as we draw near to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, be pleased to share in intimate communion with us through him. Set apart these common things—bread, wine, juice—for this glorious and holy purpose. And use this table fellowship to nourish our spirits, to strengthen our witness, and to unite us as your people, to the honor and glory of our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Bread and the Cup

As we take the bread, we say: This is his body, given for you: take and eat.

As we take the cup, we say: This is his blood, shed for you: take and drink.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, thank you for being pleased to see us in communion with yourself through your Son, by the power of your Spirit, despite the distance between heaven where Jesus sits and earth where we sit, and despite the distance we sit from one another. We are reminded that neither height nor depth, nor life nor death, nor anything in all creation is able to separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. And we rejoice that you will keep us in the palm of your hands as your treasured possession until that day when our faith becomes sight, and we see our Savior face to face. Make that day come quickly, and make us faithful until that day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

*Sending Song

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1880)

Music and Arrangement: The Welcome Wagon (2012)

Recorded by Ellie and Andy Stager

God be with you till we meet again
God be with you till we meet again
By his counsels guide, uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you

God be with you till we meet again
God be with you till we meet again
'Neath His wings protecting hide you
Daily manna still provide you
God be with you till we meet again
Until we meet again
At Jesus' feet again
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again
God be with you till we meet again
With the oil of joy anoint you
Sacred ministries appoint you
God be with you till we meet again
God be with you till we meet again
Sicknesses and sorrows taking
Never leaving or forsaking
God be with you till we meet again
Until we meet again
At Jesus' feet again
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again
God be with you till we meet again
Keep love's banner floating o'er you
Strike death's threatening wave before you
God be with you till we meet again
Until we meet again
At Jesus' feet again
Until we meet again
At Jesus' feet again
God be with you till we meet again

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Don't forget that your pastors are available to speak with you.
See [Andy](#) or [Sam's](#) calendars to make an appointment.*