



KOŚCIÓŁ  
CHRYSZTUSA ZBAWICIELA

## 25 February 2018 (2nd Sunday in Lent)

*Welcome to all worshippers this evening to Christ the Saviour Presbyterian Fellowship in Krakow. As you enter the sanctuary, please feel free to greet one another. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of God. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please allow us to get to know you better by staying for tea and coffee after the service.*

### **REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE (silence is kept)**

The Passover was an annual celebration of Israel's exodus from slavery in Egypt. Jesus' death would be the new Passover. Those who trust in him experience the ultimate Exodus — deliverance from the slavery of sin. As a result, they enjoy the privilege of living in the freedom of his love forevermore.

When life seems chaotic, when things seem not to cohere, great comfort may be found in remembering Jesus' own experience at the end of his life. Though humans plotted against him and succeeded in executing their plan, nevertheless they could not thwart the plan of God. What comfort there is in knowing that nothing can interfere with the plan of him who is in control! He is at work in all the particulars for his good purposes. By looking to Jesus, particularly his death for us, we discover what is central to God's plan for us: through Jesus' death we find life, through his blood shed for us, we experience the exodus from enslaving sin and the freedom of living in his love.

**HYMN - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** *lyrics: Ignaz Franz, 1768; music: Lünenburg, 1668*

### **RESPONSIVE READING — Psalm 95**

### **READINGS**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 61:1-8

**SECOND READING:** Luke 4:1-13

### **SERMON**

**THE CREED** *(All stand)*

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our faith.

**All:** recite the Apostles' Creed (see red hymnal)

### **HYMN - Wisi na krzyżu**

*Author unknown; music: Mioduszcowski, 1838*

**PRAYER** *(Silence is kept)*

*Prayer time is a good time for worshippers to reflect on the Word that they heard preached during the service. Use this time for prayer or to think about what you have heard or experienced. A light music will be played in the background. Prayer time will be concluded by the Lord's prayer cited by all in Polish.*

### **Praise points:**

1. Vox Box Book Club meeting last Wednesday.
2. Saszko's first week in Northern Ireland - the churches and people that faithfully pray for our Krakow church.
3. Karina's safe arrival in Kazakhstan.
4. Olya's return from Lviv.

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY**

1. Karina's grandmother's and nephew's health.
2. Larysa's health and the next MRI scan this week.

### **PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND WORKERS**

1. Sergiy's final stage of the studies. Sergiy & Daniela's residence permits.
2. Pasha's thesis on Protestantism in Poland.
3. Pasha and Emily's plans for the future.
4. Roelof's plans for the future.
5. Saszko and Dave's seminary studies.
6. Saszko & Ania's wedding planning.
7. New job for Oleksiy and residence permit. Potential trip home.
8. Filip's residence permit.
9. Karina's trip to Kazakhstan.
10. Saszko & Ania's trip to Northern Ireland.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

1. More church workers for our fellowship.
2. Translation of reformed books into Polish. Pray for our translators - Monika and Szymon. Preparing "Crazy Busy" by Kevin DeYoung for print.
3. Pray for "Humans of Krakow" and the volunteers that have signed up. They will meet weekly on Saturdays to take pictures and collect stories from people in the streets.
4. Vox Box Book Club - Georgian night this Wednesday.

#### OTHER REQUESTS

1. Pray that during Lent many people in Krakow would be touched by the story of Christ's Passion and that many would turn to the cross for hope.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN - *God of Wonders, Third Day, 2003*

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

**WEDNESDAY 28 February, 19.30 - Vox Box Georgian night, Kawiarnia Literacka** (ul. Krakowska 41) - You will learn about Georgian traditions, people, food, best places to visit and you will watch some photos taken in this beautiful country. You will also have a chance to learn how to write your name in Georgian alphabet!.

**THURSDAY 29 February, 19.30 - Russian speaking Bible Study, Kawiarnia Literacka** (ul. Krakowska 41) - we explore the Scriptures using the Westminster's Confession of Faith.

**SATURDAY 3 March, 12.00 - Weekly Photo Shooting Session** - we meet every Saturday at 12.00 at the lobby of Pawilon Wyspiańskiego (tram stop "Plac Wszystkich Świętych", entrance from ul. Grodzka), to go out into the streets of Krakow and collect stories of Humans. Bring your phone or camera and our volunteers will be there to assist you.

**SUNDAY 4 March, 17.00 - Evening prayer. Sermon in English with translation into Polish.**

**Online giving** for the church is payable to: Fundacja "Europejska Misja Chrześcijańska", ul. Św. Filipa 23/4, 31-150 Kraków IBAN: PL 94 1140 2004 0000 3802 7701 2043. Cash offerings should be put into white envelopes and put into the offering basket in the sanctuary.

**Cash offering from last week: 240 złoty. Bank transfers received during the week: 0 złoty.**

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