

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 8, 2019

## Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Silent Prayer

## God Calls Us Into His Presence

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### + Salutation and Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,

**People: And a branch shall grow out of his roots.**

Isaiah 11:1

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.**

Isaiah 9:2

Pastor: Give unto the LORD the glory due His name;

**People: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Psalms 29:2

## *We Respond to God's Call*

### +\* Hymn of Praise, No. 172

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

### + Prayer of Adoration

## God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

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Call to Confession

Psalms 24:3-4a

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Confession of Sin

(congregation kneels, as able)

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. [silent prayer of confession] Amen.**

### + Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.

## We Respond to God's Declaration

### + The Gloria Patri

(with hands lifted)

*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.*

### +\* Hymn of Praise, No. 194

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

# God Consecrates Us By His Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Lesson

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Numbers 12:1-9

### New Testament Lesson

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 3:1-6

## + Psalm 24      Tune: TRURO (*Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*)

vv. 1-2

The earth belongs unto the LORD,  
The world and those in ev'ry land.  
He founded it by His own Word,  
Upon the waters made it stand.

vv. 3-4

Who may ascend the Lord's own hill,  
Or stand within His holy place?  
He with clean hands and a pure will,  
Who's served no idol in disgrace.

vv. 5-6

He the LORD's blessing shall receive,  
Righteousness from the God who saves.  
This is Jacob, those who believe,  
Who seek Him, O who seek His face.

v. 7

Lift up your heads, O now you gates!  
Be lifted up, you doors of old!  
The King of glory shall not wait.  
He enters in, our LORD so bold.

vv. 8-10

Tell me, who is this glorious King,  
Whose might in battle is displayed?  
To Him the heav'nly hosts do sing.  
The King in glory is arrayed.

## + Gospel Lesson

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Luke 9:28-36

## Sermon

"Consider Jesus!"

(*Hebrews: Looking to Jesus, Living in Hope, 7*)

## We Respond to God's Instruction

### + Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

Nicene Creed

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation

came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† **The Prayer of the Church**

(When the pastor says, "God of all mercies," the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**")

**Tithes and Offerings**

† **Doxology, No. 731** (with hands lifted)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**God Communes With Us at His Table**

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† **Sursum Corda**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving (with Sanctus and the Lord's Prayer)**

† **Sanctus**

*sung in unison*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts,  
Bless - ed is he who comes

heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry,  
in the name of the Lord our God. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ **The Lord's Prayer**

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.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

**The Communion**

Eucharistic Meditation and Prayer of Consecration  
Distribution of Bread: Hymn No. 420 (hymnal insert)  
Distribution of Wine  
(Outermost ring of cups contain grape juice; all others contain wine)

**We Respond to God's Gift**

+ Hymn of Commitment, No. 648

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**God Commissions Us to Go Into the World**

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+ Charge

+ Benediction

**We Respond to God's Charge**

+ Threefold Amen, No. 740

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