

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Silent Prayer

God Calls Us Into His Presence

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

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

People: Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Leader: The LORD be with you!

People: And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. 499

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 110:1-7

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 7: 11-19

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

+ **Psalm 116** Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART (*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*)

vv. 1-3

I love the LORD because He hears my cries and pleas for mercy.
Because He bends to me His ears, my prayers shall ever thus be.
The snares of death encompassed me; the grave it did reach out to me;
Distress and anguish pressed me.

vv. 4-6

I called to God, "O LORD, I pray, my soul redeem with favor!"
The LORD is gracious in His way, and righteous is our Savior.
His mercy to the simple flies; He from the depths did make me rise –
I rest in Him forever!

vv. 7-9

Full well the LORD has dealt with me; my soul from death He delivered.
My weeping eyes, my stumbling feet, He has redeemed forever.
Before His face I now shall live, with all who to Him praises give,
And dwell with them forever.

vv. 10-14

Afflicted, I believe His Word, though lying men would undo me.
What shall I render to the LORD for all His blessings to me?
Salvation's cup I lift above and call upon the God of love
And pay my vows most truly.

vv. 15-19

How sweet to Him when saints depart – save me, Your servant, Savior!
From sin You loosed my wand'ring heart; I praise Your Name forever!
On You I call, my vows to pay; here in Your presence I would stay
Your praise to offer ever.

+ **Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 1:1-16

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

"A Priesthood Unto Perfection, Part 1"
(*Hebrews: Looking to Jesus, Living in Hope*, 16)

We Respond to God's Instruction

+ **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

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

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

† **Sursum Corda**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

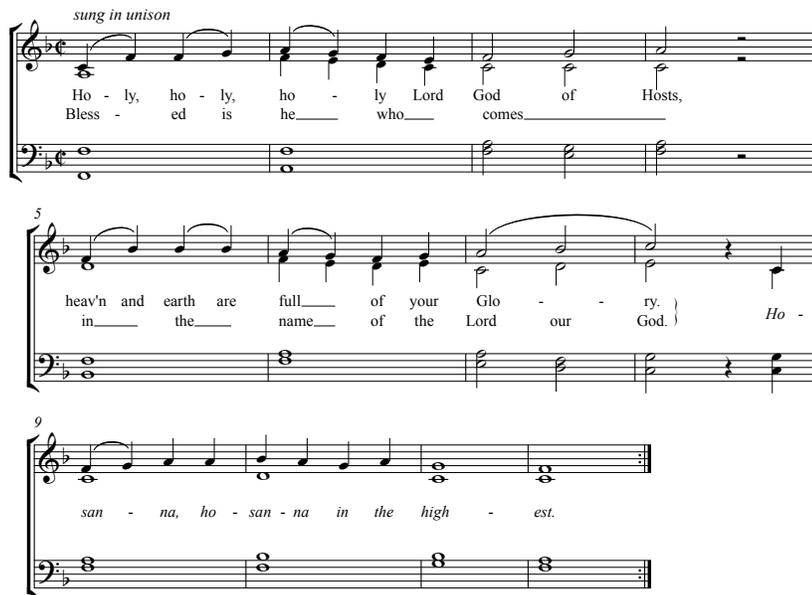
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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

Psalm 110 (below)

Psalm 110

Tune: AURELIA – (*The Church's One Foundation*)

vv. 1-3

"Sit by Me at My right hand,"

The LORD says to my Lord,

"Until I make Your foot stand

On all who hate Your Word."

The LORD sends strength from Zion.

Rule all Your enemies,

While those who Him rely on

Go forth their Lord to please.

vv. 3-4

Your people in Your power,

Arrayed in holiness,

Like dew of morning's hour

Shall serve like youth refreshed.

The LORD has sworn and never

Will He His promise check:

"You are a priest forever

After Melchizedek."

vv. 5-7

The Lord is at Your right hand

To execute His wrath,

And judge all kings and all lands –

Doomed sinners in His path.

Then, all His foes defeated,

He takes His hard-won rest,

In glorious triumph seated

With us, redeemed and blest!

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

+ Charge

+ Benediction

We Respond to God's Charge

+ Threefold Amen, No. 740

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