

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Hebrews 1:3b-4

When He had by Himself purged our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

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: God has gone up with a shout.

People: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;

People: Sing praises with understanding.

Psalms 47:5-7

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 290

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Psalms 32:1

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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

Psalms 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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. 295

Crown Him With Many Crowns

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 7:1, 9-10, 13-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

+ **Psalm 122** Tune: RHONDDA (*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*)

I was glad to hear them saying,
"To the LORD's house let us go."
For our feet will soon be standing
In your gates, Jerusalem,
Salem, well constructed city;
There assemble all the tribes,
Tribes that are Jehovah's own.

This the ordinance for Isr'el,
Here to thank Jehovah's name.
There are set the thrones of judgment;
There is David's house enthroned.
Pray then for the peace of Salem;
May they prosper who love you.
Be there peace within your walls.
In your palaces be safety.
For the sake of brothers all,
For the sake of my companions,
I am saying, "Peace to you!"
For Jehovah's house within you,
Temple of the LORD our God,
I will ever seek your good.

+ **Gospel Lesson** Luke 24:44-53

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"He Ascended Into Heaven"

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.")

† **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!

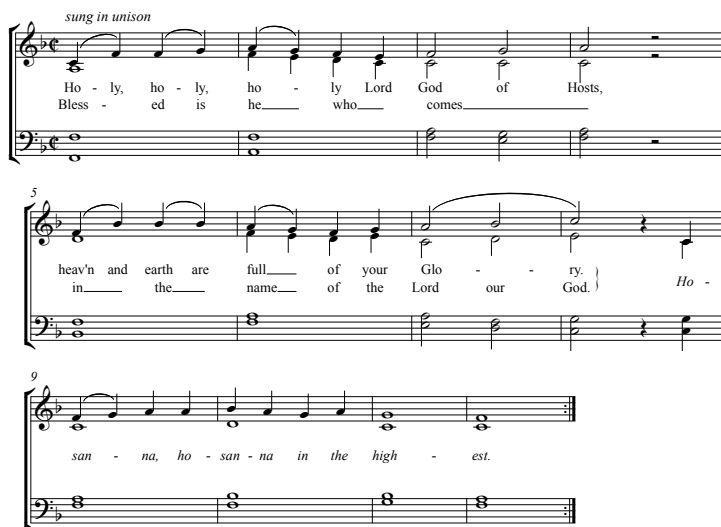
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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 of
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

Partaking of the Bread

Partaking of the Cup

We Respond to God's Gift

† Hymn of Commitment, No. 289

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† Charge

† Benediction

We Respond to God's Charge

† Threefold Amen, No. 740

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