

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 23, 2017

Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Silent Prayer

God Calls Us Into His Presence

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

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

People: Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Pastor: The LORD be with you!

People: And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

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

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

† Call to Worship

Psalms 30:4

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Psalms 38:1, 2, 4

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger, nor is there any health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

Confession of Sin

(congregation kneels, as able)

All: O Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and lovingkindness, we have sinned and have dealt perversely and have done wickedly and have rebelled, even turning aside from Your precepts and from Your ordinances. O Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, but to You belong mercies and forgiveness. Forgive and cleanse us, we pray, through Jesus 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 transgression 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. 468

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 36:22-27

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† **Psalm 148, Hymn No. 110**

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

† **Gospel Lesson**

John 1:19-34

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

*"The Testimony of John the Baptizer"
(Gospel of John, 5)*

We Respond to God's Instruction

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The 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!

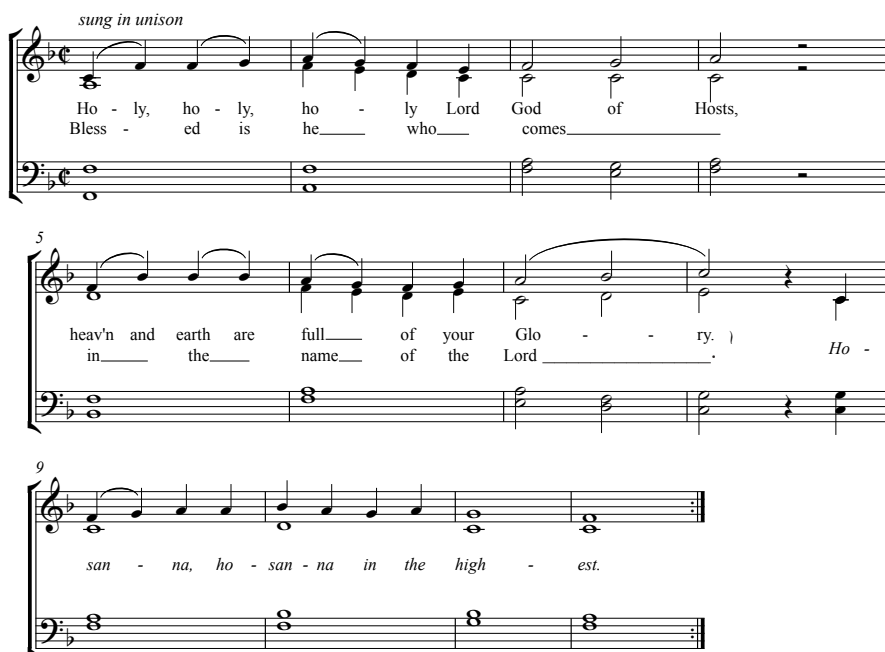
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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. Ho -
in the name of the Lord.
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. 478

I Love to Tell the Story

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† Charge

† Benediction

We Respond to God's Charge

† Threefold Amen, No. 740

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