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October 1, 2017

Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Habakkuk 2:14

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

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.

Psalm 124:8

† Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-3

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 437

O God, to Us Show Mercy

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Confession of Sin

(congregation kneels, as able)

All: Heavenly Father, we bow our knees before You, and we confess that too often we have forgotten that we are Yours. Sometimes we live as if there were no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness for You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness, and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may be witnesses for You in our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to glorify You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. [silent prayer of confession] Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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. 469

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 11:27-12:3

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson Revelation 7:1-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson

† **Psalm 124, Hymn No. 614** Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth

John 4:27-42

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

Sermon "Savior of the World" (Gospel of John, 14)

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

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

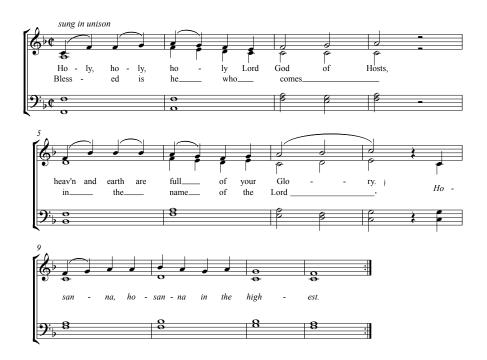
Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

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



† 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

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† Charge † Benediction

We Respond to God's Charge

† Threefold Amen, No. 740

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