

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 29, 2017

## *Preparation for Worship*

Music for Gathering

Announcements

### Scripture for Meditation

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Silent Prayer

## *God Calls Us Into His Presence*

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### † 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 95:1-3

## *We Respond to God's Call*

### †\* Hymn of Praise, No. 1

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

From *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

### † Prayer of Adoration

## *God Cleanses Us of Our Sins*

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### Call to Confession

From Bucer's *Strassburg Liturgy*, 1539

Pastor: Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and iniquity.

### Confession of Sin

(congregation kneels, as able)

All: Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

[Silent prayer of confession] Amen.

### † Assurance of Pardon

From Calvin's *Liturgy*, 1545

Pastor: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Let each of you truly acknowledge that he is a sinner, humbling himself before God, and believe that the heavenly Father wills to be gracious unto him in Jesus Christ. To all those that repent in this way, and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare that the absolution of sins is effected, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## *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.

***God Consecrates Us By His Word***

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**Prayer for Illumination**From Bucer's *Strassburg Liturgy*, 1539

Pastor: Almighty, gracious Father, forasmuch as our whole salvation depends upon our true understanding of Your holy Word, grant to all of us that our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs, may hear and apprehend Your holy Word with all diligence and faith, that we may rightly understand Your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to Your praise and honor; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson****Psalm 46**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!****New Testament Lesson**

Revelation 21:9-22:5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**† **Hymn No. 614***Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth*  
From *Genevan Psalter*, 1551† **Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 6:25-34

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ!****Sermon***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"****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** From Bucer's *Strassburg Liturgy*, 1539  
(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!

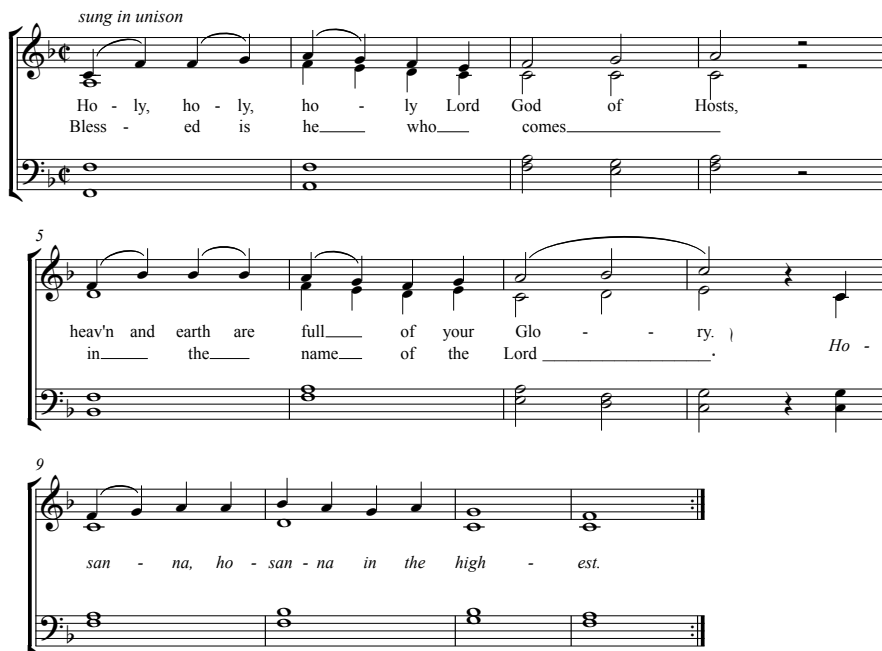
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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 of  
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. 92

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Martin Luther, 1529

*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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