# **ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

May 17, 2020

# **Preparation for Worship**

	Music for Gathering Announcements Scripture for Meditation In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my streng	Psalm 62:7 gth, and my refuge, is in God.			
	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, People: Amen. Leader: The LORD be with you! People: And also with you! Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD, People: Who made heaven and earth. Call to Worship	and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 Ruth 2:4 Psalm 124 Psalm 66:1-2			
We Respond to God's Call					
<b>†</b> *	Hymn of Praise, No. 437 (Psalm 67)	O God, to Us Show Mercy			
t	Prayer of Adoration				

### God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession	Psalm 32:3-4		
When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day			
and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of			
summer.			
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** +

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

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*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.

(with hands lifted)

Psalm 32:5

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### Old Testament Lesson Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

#### New Testament Lesson

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Psalm 110:1-7

Hebrews 8:1-6

#### + 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 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

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

Sermon

"A More Excellent Ministry" (Hebrews: Looking to Jesus, Living in Hope, 18)

### We Respond to God's Instruction

#### + Affirmation of Faith

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;

Nicene Creed

Matthew 23:37-24:2

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)

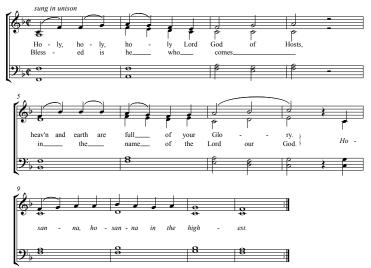
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### 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



+ 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. 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

- + Charge
- + Benediction

# We Respond to God's Charge

#### + Threefold Amen, No. 740

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