

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Romans 8:15-16

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of 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, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Leader: The LORD be with you!

People: And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

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

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1

We Respond to God's Call

†* **Hymn of Praise, No. 376**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

† **Prayer of Adoration**

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Psalm 45:3

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

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**

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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. 246**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 8:6-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† **Psalm 88** Tune: PICARDY (*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*)

vv. 1-3

God of my salvation, hear me, as I cry by night and day;
Hear my plea, O LORD, bend near me; O, receive me when I pray!
For my soul is weak and weary, and my life draws near the grave.

vv. 4-5

Like a person thought to be dying, like a man whose strength is gone;
Like one with the slain now lying, like a dead and buried one:
Cut off from Your hand and sighing, like one from Your mem'ry gone.

vv. 6-8

In the lowest pit You have set me, in a deep and dark'ning place;
All your holy wrath has beset me, overwhelming me in waves.
All my former friends forget me; on me now they look with hate.

vv. 9-12

All day long I cry in vain, LORD, as my eye is wasting away.
Can a dead man sing Your praise, LORD? Can I testify from the grave?
Will I tell Your love again, LORD? Will I sing Your pow'r and grace?

vv. 13-16

Morning comes and, LORD, I am crying: Why do You my soul reject?
From my youth have I been dying; and Your terrors sore afflict.
Fear and anger sorely trying, overwhelm, destroy, reject.

vv. 17-18

Your assaults like foes surround me, like a threat'ning, rising flood.
Circling round they sought and found me, taking from me all that is good.
Friend and loved one gone, they hound me – all my friends in darkness stood.

† **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 22:14-20

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

*"A More Excellent Covenant"
(Hebrews: Looking to Jesus, Living in Hope, 19)*

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 from heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho -
 in the name of the Lord our God.)
 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. 565

All for 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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