

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 12, 2020

Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Revelation 1:5b-6

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

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.

Psalms 124

Call to Worship

Psalms 107:1-2

We Respond to God's Call

†* **Hymn of Praise, No. 32**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

† **Prayer of Adoration**

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way.

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**

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

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

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 9:15-22

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

+ Psalm 49 Tune: SAGINA (*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*)

vv. 1-6

Hear this, all peoples, low and high; give ear as wisdom I proclaim:
 My heart with understanding filled, as truth from proverbs to me came.
 Why should I fear when foes arise, who trust in wealth and boast in lies?

Refrain v. 15

My God redeems me from the grave!

His grace and mercy surely save!

vv. 7-9

No man his brother can redeem, or give a ransom for his soul.
 Let him leave off the vain attempt to pay redemption's priceless toll.
 In vain he seeks eternal day, that he may not endure decay.

My God redeems me from the grave!

His grace and mercy surely save!

vv. 10-12

See how the wise and senseless die, and leave to others all their gold.
 Vainly fore'er they longed and hoped to have their names and glories told.
 Man in his pomp will not endure; like any beast his end is sure.

My God redeems me from the grave!

His grace and mercy surely save!

vv. 13-14

Thus go the foolish on their way, and all who do approve their words.
 Meekly like sheep to death they go, and meet destruction afterwards.
 See how the righteous overrules the fleeting forms of dying fools!

My God redeems me from the grave!

His grace and mercy surely save!

vv. 16-20

Let the redeemed of God take heart, though fool and all his wealth increase.
 Death shall deprive him all he owns; the grave shall make his glory cease.
 Thus though he boasts, no light he sees; his end in hell shall ever be.

My God redeems me from the grave!

His grace and mercy surely save!

+ Gospel Lesson

Matthew 26:26-29

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

"The Blood of the Covenant"
(Hebrews: Looking to Jesus, Living in Hope, 22)

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. 521**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

+ **Charge**
+ **Benediction**

We Respond to God's Charge

+ **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

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