

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture for Meditation

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slave or free – and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

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 30:4

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 2

O Worship the King

Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Psalms 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. 347

The Church's One Foundation

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 32:34-43

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 10:26-31

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

+ **Psalm 58** Tune: ARLINGTON (*This is the Day the Lord Has Made*)

v. 1

Do you indeed speak righteousness, you mighty silent ones;
And do you judge the sons of men to see true justice done?

v.2

No, not at all, but in your hearts you speak unrighteous ways;
Your hands weigh out upon the earth cruel violence all your days.

vv. 3-5

The wicked from the womb rebel; from birth they utter lies.
Their tongues of serpent's venom tell; all truth their ears despise.

vv. 6-7

Break out their teeth, break out the fangs of the young lions, God!
Let them like water flow away; their arrows' sting remove.

v. 8

Let them be like snails that dissolve and vanish every one.
Let them be like a stillborn child who never sees the sun.

v. 9

Before your pots feel burning thorns, He'll take the thorns away;
As in a whirlwind and His burning wrath will hold full sway.

vv. 10-11

The righteous will rejoice to see the vengeance when it comes.
His feet he shall wash in the blood of wicked men undone.

v. 12

All men will see and they shall say, "God judges in the earth.
His justice reigns; He gives to men according to their worth."

+ **Gospel Lesson** Mark 4:1-20

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"The Reality and Danger of Apostasy"
(*Hebrews: Looking to Jesus, Living in Hope, 27*)

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
 heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry,
 in the name of the Lord our God. Ho -
 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. 570

Faith of Our Fathers

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

+ Charge

+ Benediction

We Respond to God's Charge

+ Threefold Amen, No. 740

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