

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 7, 2021

Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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 105:1-3

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Psalms 90:8

You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

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

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

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. 141

God, in the Gospel of His Son

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 119:1-8

(responsive reading on insert)

New Testament Lesson

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

1 John 3:4-9

+ **Psalm 119:1-8** Tune: ODE TO JOY – *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

Blest are they whose way is blameless,
All who walk within God's Law,
Who, His testimonies keeping,
Seek Him, filled with joy and awe.
These are they who, no wrong doing,
Ever walk within God's ways.
LORD, Your precepts You command us;
We would keep them all our days.

Let my ways steadfastly keep to
All the statutes of Your Word.
Then shall I, no shame enduring,
Fix my eyes on You, O LORD!
With an upright heart I praise You,
In Your rules will I abide.
I will keep Your statutes wholly;
Keep me ever by Your side.

+ **Gospel Lesson** John 14:15-18

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Walking in God's Ways"

We Respond to God's Instruction

+ **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,

the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.*

Officer Ordination and Installation

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 of
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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