

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 14, 2021

Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Reception of New Member

Hymn No. 359

Blest Be the Tie That Binds(verse 1)

Scripture for Meditation

Psalm 138:6

Though the LORD is on high, yet He regards the lowly.

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 96:1-3

We Respond to God's Call

+* Hymn of Praise, No. 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

+ Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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. 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

I Kings 19:1-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 11:35b-40

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

+ **Psalm 73** Tune: FOREST GREEN – *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

vv. 1-3

To us our God is only good, to all the pure in heart!
But as for me, I nearly stood in sin from Him apart.
I nearly stumbled, nearly slipped, as I the proud observed,
How they with ease and riches dripped while I, impov'rish'd, served.

vv. 13-15

"Surely in vain have I kept pure my heart, or cleansed my hands!
What troubles daily I endure while thus with God I stand!"
But had I spoken thus I would Your children have betrayed.
When this at last I understood, my troubled soul obeyed.

vv. 16-20

Into Your presence, Lord, I come and see the sinner's end:
In slipp'ry places they must run; to judgment that You send.
Destruction all at once must fall when You Your anger raise;
And terror will beset them all both now and all their days.

vv. 21-24

When my poor sad, embittered heart was pierced within by grace,
I saw how beastly was the part I chose before Your face.
But I am ever with You, Lord; You hold me by the hand,
And guide me daily by Your Word; in glory I e'er shall stand.

vv. 25-26

Then what have I in heav'n above but You, my God and Lord?
And on this earth what shall I love besides You and Your Word?
My flesh and heart shall surely fail, and death my soul release;
Your strength for me will e'er avail and grant eternal peace.

vv. 27-28

Then let them perish who depart from You and from Your Word.
All those unfaithful in their heart You shall destroy, O Lord!
But as for me, Your nearness, Lord, is where I e'er will dwell!
I hide myself within Your Word, Your wondrous works to tell.

+ **Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Suffering Heroes"

(*Hebrews: Looking to Christ, Living in Hope, 42*)

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.*

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. 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. 691**

It Is Well With My Soul

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

+ **Charge**

+ **Benediction**

We Respond to God's Charge

+ **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

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