

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering
Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Matthew 6:33

Seek first the kingdom 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 66:1-2

We Respond to God's Call

+* Hymn of Praise, No. 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

+ Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Confession of Sin

(based on Psalm 32)

[congregation kneels as able]

Leader: Blessed are all whose transgressions are forgiven.
Whose sins are covered by the blood of Christ.

**People: Blessed are all against whom the LORD does not count iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*All: LORD, we would not be silent about our sins,
Lest You drain away our strength.
We confess our sins to You:*

[silent confession of sins]

Leader: The LORD is our hiding place;
The LORD preserves us from trouble
And surrounds us with shouts of deliverance.

*All: Teach us the way that we should go, O LORD!
Lead us out of the sorrows of wickedness
Into the full joy of Your forgiving grace.*

[congregation stands]

Leader: Be glad in the LORD, O you righteous and forgiven ones!

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. 172** *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

God Consecrates Us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:1-22; 19:1

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

† **Hymn No. 551 (Psalm 32)** *How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*

† **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Kingdom Living, Part 1"

(Hebrews: Looking to Jesus, Living in Hope, 48)

We Respond to God's Instruction

† **Affirmation of Faith** *The 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 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. 437 (Psalm 67)**

O God, to Us Show Mercy

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

+ **Charge**

+ **Benediction**

We Respond to God's Charge

+ **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

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