



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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8:15 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

This morning, we'll sing the doxology. The word doxology derives from two Greek words — doxa (glory) and logos (word). So etymologically, it means "word of glory." A doxology then is simply a psalm or hymn sung in praise of God. Many doxologies are found throughout the Bible and were used in the synagogue and early Christian worship.

The last doxology in the Psalter is: "Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!" The Apostle Paul frequently bursts out of wonder and amazement at God's manifold mercies in Christ. For example, in Romans 11, he declares, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ... For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

Today, the most common doxology sung in churches is: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," written by Thomas Ken (1637-1711), an Anglican bishop in England. The doxology frequently marks the dedication of offerings in praise of our generous God as it does in our service today.

Let us ask the Lord to awaken our hearts to His grandeur and beauty so that our worship and our lives serve as a continual doxology to Him!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN AND BRASS PRELUDE:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Dan Marvin

CHORAL INTROIT: "This Joyful Eastertide" Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

✦HYMN OF RESURRECTION: No. 273 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LLANFAIR

✦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10 Margaret S. Stephens

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

**And behold, there was a great earthquake,
for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven
and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.**

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

**But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid,
for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.**

He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay.

**Then go quickly and tell his disciples
that he has risen from the dead,
and behold, he is going before you to Galilee;
there you will see him. See, I have told you."**

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy,
and ran to tell his disciples.

And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

**Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid;
go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee,
and there they will see me."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LLANFAIR

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Te Deum" Eriks Esenvalds

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou'lt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
Whom Thou'st redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

Holy, Holy, Holy.

✦ DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFRUEN

**Christ rises conqu'ror from the grave,
From death returning, strong to save: alleluia, alleluia!
With His right hand the tyrant chains,
And paradise for man regains.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All praise is Thine, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored: alleluia, alleluia!
All praise to God the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dan G. Burns

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

HOMILY

Never Cast Away

Sanders L. Willson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

✦ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦ PROFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI GREATorex

**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!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty Father,
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
we confess our struggle to rest in the victory of our triumphant Lord
Who died and rose again for us.
Forgive us for ignoring the things that belong to our peace
and not living and serving in the joy
that Christ's victory over death brings.
Pardon our graceless hearts, prayerless days, loveless relationships,
pervasive discontentment, and wasted opportunities for serving You.
May we experience in fresh ways more of the resurrection life of Your Son.
For we make our prayer in His exalted name. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" EBENEZER
Reference page 283 in the hymnal for music.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
He Who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave,
Ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.**

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" FOUNTAIN
Reference page 253 in the hymnal for music.

**There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in His day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.**

**Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save;
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave:
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.**

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ABERYSTWYTH
Reference page 508 in the hymnal for music.

**Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.**

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior" ST. LEONARDS
Reference page 644 in the hymnal for music.

**May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.**

**May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.**

**May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠SENDING HYMN ST. LEONARDS

**May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.**

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longpont" Louis Vierne

✠Indicates congregation standing

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