



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

April 12, 2015
11:00 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!

JESUS' INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE

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 Chancel Choir
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 Brandon G. Morrison

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

JESUS' IMMEASURABLE PARDON

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

✠HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 281 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives — Glory, Hallelujah!".....SHOUT ON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS..... Dan G. Burns

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

JESUS' IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON..... John 6:35-40
(page 892 in the pew Bible)

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)

SERMON *Never Cast Away* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦CLOSING HYMN: No. 345 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" ..AUSTRIAN HYMN

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longpont"Louis Vierne

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