



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

February 5, 2017
Epiphany Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

A man with his back against the wall, fighting for survival, needs more than moral exhortation and pious entreaty. He must encounter the living Lord Jesus Christ. This was true for the aged Apostle John in a concentration camp as an old man on the island of Patmos in the late 1st century. This is also true for all of us in the Church of Jesus Christ in the early 21st century.

Hearing His voice, seeing His beauty, and feeling His hand are the essence of true worship. This type of worship galvanizes us to endure patiently trials and suffering. It also frees us from paralyzing fear and empowers us to serve our God.

William Temple, the Archbishop of Canterbury in the 1940s, explains more graphically why worship is so crucial for us and our world. "This world can be saved from political chaos and collapse by only one thing: That is worship of the living and true God."

Let us pray that everyone who gathers with us to worship today would encounter the living Christ and experience His transforming power!

EXALT OUR ENTHRONED KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Christopher Pardini
Samuel Metzger, organ

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE. arr. Arron Powell
"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"
"Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Telling"
"The Love of God Is Greater Far"
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CHORAL INTROIT: "Praise Ye the Lord" G.F. Handel
Praise ye the Lord, the Lord's name be praised forever.
Praise the Lord God. Amen, amen!
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP. Ronald G. Sadlow

◆HYMN OF CHRIST'S GLORY:
No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

◆FIRST APOCALYPTIC LESSON: Revelation 19:6-16 Amanda Coop (8:15)
Don Batchelor (11:00)

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,
like the roar of many waters
and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,
"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

**it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.**

And the angel said to me, "Write this:
Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."
And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

**Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me,
"You must not do that!**

**I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers
who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God."
For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse!

**The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True,
and in righteousness he judges and makes war.**

His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems,
and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

**He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood,
and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.**

And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure,
were following him on white horses.

**From his mouth comes a sharp sword
with which to strike down the nations,
and he will rule them with a rod of iron.**

He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

**On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written,
King of kings and Lord of lords.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIADEMATA

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave;
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save:
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high:
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love,
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall.
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

EMBRACE OUR WORTHY LAMB

CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Savior,
You are the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.
You rose to become our heavenly Shepherd
who guides us to springs of living water.
Yet we have settled for our own broken cisterns
that can hold no water.
Forgive us for our idolatry and unbelief,
our lack of thankfulness for Your blessings,
our deficient zeal for Your worship,
our lack of humility under Your correction,
our lazy watchfulness against temptation,
and our struggle with discontentment.
Go forth and show us Your cross,
mighty to subdue, comfort, and save.
For we pray in Your matchless name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 660 "O God Beyond All Praising" THAXTED

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. D. Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Worthy Is the Lamb" from *Messiah*. G.F. Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
And hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
To receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength,
And honor, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him, be unto Him
That sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb,
For ever and ever and ever and ever. Amen.

✦DOXOLOGY. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

ENCOUNTER OUR LIVING LORD

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

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.**

SECOND APOCALYPTIC LESSON. Revelation 1:9-20
(page 1028 in 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 *Our Chief End* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S PRAISE:
No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"CORONATION

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final" from *Symphony No. 1*.Louis Vierne

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