



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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*Epiphany Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Lord does some amazing things while His people worship. At Antioch long ago, the Lord set apart and called specific men to a specific work. The Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2, NASB).

The Holy Spirit is still in the calling business. For every church in every generation, worship always leads to mission. A missional church like ours is a unified, worshipping body of believers intent on being God's missionary presence to their community and world.

Therefore, let us prepare our hearts for worship by praying through these two requests:

- Ask the Lord to show you specifically what your particular role is in helping to bring His salvation to others. How is the Lord calling you to adopt the posture, thinking, and practices of a missionary in order to engage others with the Gospel?
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. John Calvin declared back in the 1500s: "There never was greater necessity for offering this prayer than during the fearful desolation of the church which we now see everywhere around us."

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Hymn to Joy" ..... Michael Burkhardt  
*Samuel Metzger, organist*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:  
"Largo from Concerto for 2 Violins in D minor" ..... J. S. Bach  
*Clay and Steve Hancock, violins*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE: No. 81 "O Love of God, How Strong and True"... JERUSALEM

✦OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ..... Blanche Tosh

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your might.**

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

**You shall teach them diligently to your children,  
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,  
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down,  
and when you rise**

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,  
and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

**You shall write them on the doorposts of your house  
and on your gates.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . JERUSALEM

**The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.  
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.  
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and true and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure — the saints’ and all the angels’ songs. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO OFFERTORY: “Loved with Everlasting Love” . . . . . arr. Ron Boud

Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know.  
Spirit breathing from above, You have taught me it is so.  
O what full and perfect peace, joy and wonder all divine.  
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.  
  
His forever, His alone; who the Lord from me shall part.  
With what joy and peace unknown, Christ can fill the loving heart.  
Heav’n and earth may pass away, sun and stars in gloom decline  
But of Christ I still shall say, I am His and He is mine.

*Terri Theil, soloist*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . CARITAS

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON . . . . . Matthew 9:35-38  
*(page 814 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)*

HOMILY

*Memphis Through Jesus’ Eyes*

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. An elder will serve gluten free communion bread to those who raise their hands.*

## ✦ PROFESSION OF OUR 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

**Gracious heavenly Father,  
You are compassionate to helpless and harassed people.  
You sent Your Son to seek and save wandering sheep like us.  
Yet, we confess our reluctance to personally engage with His mission.  
We beseech Your forgiveness by acknowledging that at times  
we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved,  
callous than compassionate, and legalistic than loving.  
Pardon our tight-fisted grip on our careers,  
our children, and our resources.  
By the power of Your Spirit, remove all obstacles  
that prevent us from living as Your ambassadors.  
This we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

## LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts.

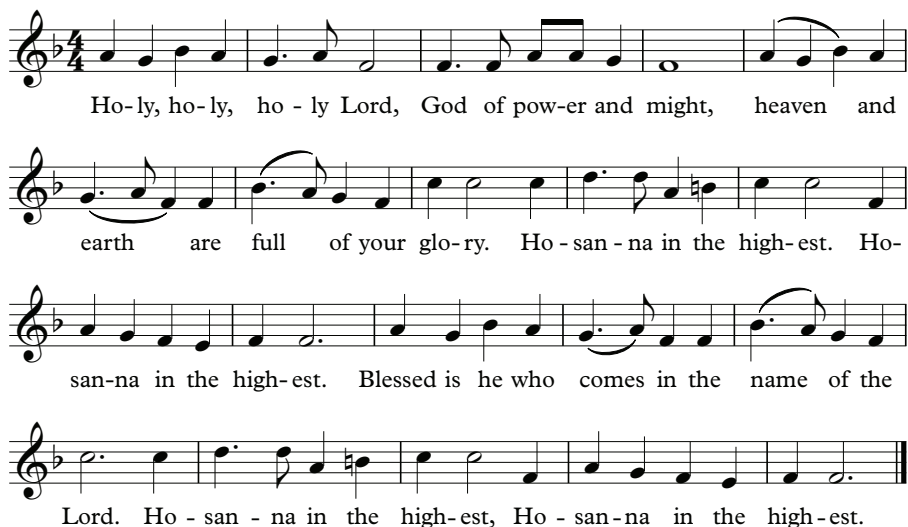
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our joyful duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord, Who has come to bring us light and life;

**Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify Your glorious Name;  
evermore praising You and saying:**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san - na in the high-est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" . . . . . EBENEZER

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless free;*

*Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.*

*Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;*

*Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:*

*'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;*

*And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.*

SHARING OF THE CUP

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "The Power of the Cross" . . . . . Keith Getty

*O, to see the dawn of the darkest day — Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath — we stand forgiven at the cross.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF LOVE FOR CHRIST: No. 648 "My Jesus, I Love Thee" . . . . .CARITAS

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final from Sonata No. 1" . . . . .Alexandre Guilmant

✦Indicates congregation standing

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