



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 12, 2017
Season of Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

There are many ways to highlight what the work of Jesus Christ accomplishes on our behalf. For example, it accomplishes reconciliation, atonement, propitiation, redemption, and justification. The one upon which we reflect today is redemption. Redemption is a word that “describes a marketplace transaction with reference to the purchase of goods or the releasing of slaves” (*Baker’s Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*).

Our sermon text teaches us that we are delivered from the bondage of sin and the devil’s dark kingdom by the payment of a ransom price. That price was Jesus’ perfect life of obedience to the Father as well as His substitutionary death on the cross. Simply put, He lived the life we should have lived and He died the death we should have died.

Let us prepare to worship our Redeemer King who paid fully for our sins. Would you pray and ask the Lord to dissolve any residual hardness in your heart; to ignite in you a glad heart of thanksgiving and full devotion; and to galvanize you to cease making other people pay for the ways that they fail you?

THE MASTER DESERVES FROM US GREAT PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on “Holy, Holy, Holy” Christopher Tambling
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “What Wondrous Love Is This” Duane Funderburk

Amanda Kull, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: “Sing to the Lord a Song of Praise” Allen Pote

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.

Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song. Alleluia!

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Emily Taylor, Director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 165 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” LYONS

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 130 Betty Eubank (8:15) Haley Overcast (11:00)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LYONS

**O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
Whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
In true adoration shall sing to Your praise! Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE MASTER DELIVERS US FROM GREAT PERIL

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
Forgive us for doubting Your Father’s heart.
Pardon us for blaspheming Your name,
disobeying Your will,
and rejecting Your kingdom.
We have craved the bread that doesn’t satisfy
while You patiently offer us the living bread.
We have Your forgiveness
Yet we are slow to forgive the offenses of others.
We have heedlessly entered into temptation
and refused Your deliverance from evil.
We come now beseeching Your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 503 “Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night” JESUS, I COME
stanzas 1-3

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Fairest Lord Jesus” Derek Hakes; arr. Courtney

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE JESUS, I COME

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE MASTER DELIVERS US FOR A GREAT KINGDOM

✦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.**

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 1:9-14
(page 983 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 *Christ Is Our Deliverer* David A. Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 353 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” ST. THOMAS

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” Christopher Pardini

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