



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 19, 2017
Season of Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Have you seen the sea? The sky? The sun, moon and stars?
Have you watched the birds and the fish?
Have you observed the landscape, the vegetation, the animals,
the insects, all the big things and little things together?
Doesn't the wonderful complexity of human beings cause you to marvel?
Have you enjoyed these works of art? Now shake the hand of the artist.
Has their music thrilled you? Now meet the composer.
Well now, meet the one who is behind it all!
His name is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ!

– Adapted from James Packer, *Growing in Christ*

The aged Apostle John erupts in praise of our Lord. “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

As we prepare to worship, let us examine our hearts as to whether created things are hindering our worship of the one, true, living God. Creator or created things? Choose this day whom you will serve. Let us make haste to worship and serve Christ, our King, Creator, Lord!

ALL THINGS EXIST BY HIM

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Intrada on “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Christopher Tambling
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

“Adagio cantabile” from *Sonata Pathétique* Ludwig van Beethoven
Daniel Pollorena, piano

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP: Genesis 1:1, 31 and John 1:1-2 . . . L. Brett Wynne

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

**In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
All things were made through him.**

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your



moun-tains rise, that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad
earth with food; he formed the crea-tures with his word
glo - ries known; and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow



and built the loft - y skies. I sing the wis - dom
and then pro - nounced them good. Lord, how your won - ders
by or - der from your throne; while all that bor - rows
that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines
are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye, if I sur -
life from you is ev - er in your care, and ev - ery -
full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
where that we can be, you, God, are pre - sent there.

♠ PSALTER LESSON: Select Verses from Psalm 104. Bill Jorgensen (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!

**You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be moved.

**The mountains rose, the valleys sank down
to the place that you appointed for them.**

From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works!

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Praise the Lord!

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ELLACOMBE

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice. Amen.**

♠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ALL THINGS EXIST FOR HIM

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

*Wells Amos Martin, born September 9, 2016, son of Alison and Jacob Martin
Arthur Aubrey Mills, born February 22, 2016, son of Chelsea and Aubrey Mills*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Holy Jesus, You made us for Yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.
Forgive us for the ways that we worship and serve
created things rather than You, our blessed Creator.
Pardon us for not honoring You as God
and for not giving You the thanks that is rightfully due Your name.
Grind to dust our idolatrous hearts
that long for power, control, approval,
comfort, and pleasure apart from You.
Satisfy us anew with Your unfailing love
so that we rejoice and delight in You.
For we pray in Your strong and matchless name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CHORAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON: "Do Not Be Afraid" Philip Stopford *Isaiah 43*

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
You will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
You will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
Then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
Remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
And I love you with a perfect love.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble
Emily Taylor, Conductor*

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 125 "Let All Things Now Living"ASH GROVE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Ronald G. Sadlow

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“This Little Light of Mine” Traditional Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

My God gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine.
In my home, all over the world,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Emily Taylor, Soloist
David Dennis, Conductor*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DOXOLOGY

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

ALL THINGS EXIST THROUGH HIM

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Lynn Erickson

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 1:15-17
(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 the Creator* David A. Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS:

No. 97 “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator” KREMSER

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God”. Sigfrid Karg-Elert; arr. Bock

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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