



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 7, 2017
Eastertide



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Every church uses some type of liturgy when they gather for corporate worship. For some, liturgy connotes a lifeless, mindless, repetitive worship service. However, for us, liturgy refers to a prescribed pattern for public worship. Our "liturgical" service seeks to highlight at every point the stunning beauty and grandeur of the gospel of our Lord.

The word "liturgy" comes from a word in Greek that means "public service." For example, Luke states in his Gospel that Zechariah's time of "service was ended" (Luke 1:23). The word for service is the word "liturgy."

Therefore, "liturgy" reminds us that worship is the priestly service of the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit and out of gratitude to Almighty God, we humble ourselves before Him by declaring His worth, confessing His lordship over us, and rendering to Him honor and glory, according to His Word.

What a tremendous privilege we have to serve as our Lord's worshippers. May our worship today cause us to know and delight in Jesus Christ more fully as our sure foundation, our steadfast Savior, and our solid anchor!

PRAISE JESUS - OUR SURE FOUNDATION

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Music for the Royal Fireworks" G.F. Handel
"Lamento from Suite" Denis Bédard
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "Let Us Make a Joyful Noise" Douglas Wagner
Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Praise, O praise the Lord!
And make a joyful noise evermore!
*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Steven Hancock, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 342 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" . . . REGENT SQUARE
stanzas 1-4

✦FIRST EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:4-10 Bill Jorgensen (8:15)
Haley Overcast (11:00)

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,
you yourselves like living stones
are being built up as a spiritual house,

**to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

**So the honor is for you who believe,
but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"
and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."**

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

**once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THANK JESUS - OUR STEADFAST SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious Father,
we are Your redeemed people,
yet at times we refuse to live in the freedom that is ours.
We are Your loved people,
yet we spurn You by our inordinate desires for other loves.
We are Your holy people,
yet we confess that the stain of sin
persists in our thoughts, words, deeds, and attitudes.
You call us to obedience,
yet we question You and Your ways.
Therefore, we repent and ask Your forgiveness
for the travesty of our rebellion against You.
Show us how to build our lives on the only sure foundation,
Jesus Christ our faithful Savior. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism #1 (1563)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood
has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me
from the dominion of the devil;
he protects me so well that,
without the will of my Father in heaven,
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" Keith Getty

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who
 bore my pain; who plumbd the depths of my dis -
 walks be - side; who floods my weak-ness - es with
 grace and gave me life a - gain; who crushed my curse of
 strength and caus-es fears to fly; whose ev - 'ry prom-ise
 sin - ful-ness and clothed me with His light and wrote His
 is e-nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing
 law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up-on my heart.
 me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "It Is Well with My Soul" John Ness Beck

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll –
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought –
 My sin, not in part, but the whole
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
 The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
 "Even so" it is well with my soul!

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Keith Getty

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
 Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
 For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King,
 So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.**

♠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

LIVE IN JESUS - OUR SOLID ANCHOR

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Will Nease

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 EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 2:6-7
(page 984 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 Mystical Union with Christ* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis" Daniel Gawthrop

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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