



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 21, 2017
Eastertide



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We have the privilege today of celebrating the sacrament of Christian baptism. The tendency when we administer the sacrament of baptism is to become passive spectators. We must resist this tendency and actively participate. How so?

You actively participate in these baptisms today by remembering all the benefits that you accrue as a baptized follower of Jesus:

- You have been admitted into God's covenant community – the Church.
- Your sins have been washed away and forgiven by His blood.
- You are united to Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.
- You have been regenerated and adopted into God's family by the Spirit.
- You have been promised a resurrection unto eternal life.

All of these benefits are symbolized in baptism. Therefore, renew your commitment to live devotedly to your Lord and resolve to make great the Name of our triune God that was pronounced over you at your baptism. His name is indeed great. For He is our enthroned Lamb, our exalted King, our great High Priest, our sinless Savior, our perfect bridegroom and our only foundation. Let us prepare to worship God together.

CONTEMPLATE THE ONE WHO REIGNS

ORGAN PRELUDE:

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

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Adagio in E major, K.261" . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Clay Hancock, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: "The Strife Is O'er" Gordon Young

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph now has begun:
Christ is Risen!
Sing Alleluia!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Steven Hancock, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy M. Johnson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

♠FIRST EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:5-11 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

**we shall certainly be united with him
in a resurrection like his.**

We know that our old self was crucified with him

**in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing,
so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.**

For one who has died has been set free from sin.

**Now if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.**

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.

**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

✠ 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

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Crawford Thomas Elmore, born May 14, 2013, son of Ann Clark and Russell Elmore
Louise Clayton Elmore, born January 26, 2015, daughter of Ann Clark and Russell Elmore
Miriam Frances George, born March 8, 2017, daughter of Malaney and Mason George
Elizabeth Louise Mattox, born September 18, 2016, daughter of Sarah and Anthony Mattox*

11:00

*John Henry Rea, born November 21, 2016, son of Lindsey and Kevin Rea
Elizabeth Wilkes Yonchak, born January 8, 2017, daughter of Mary-Wilkes and Drew Yonchak*

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.**

COME TO THE ONE WHO RESCUES

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious Father,
You promise to rescue us from all of our fears.
Yet we confess that our lives remain dominated by fear.
Forgive us for seeking security in our own schemes of happiness
rather than trusting You.
Instead of fearing You — the eternal, unchanging God,
we are consumed with what others think of us.
We confess that we have not feasted on Your abundant goodness
due to our complaining, critical, and discontented hearts.
Forgive us, O Lord, and embolden us to trust You,
for we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Advocate, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

“Before the Throne of God Above” Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,” who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Joshua D. Yates

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Evelyn Larter

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow’r.
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Agonizing in the garden, lo! your Master prostrate lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him, hear Him cry before He dies.
“It is finished, it is finished,” will not this suffice?

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

COMMUNE WITH THE ONE WHO ROSE

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Jennie Brooks

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 2:9-15
(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 *Drink from the Fountain of Fullness – Part One* Richard G. Cain

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF THE CHURCH: No. 347 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA
stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata in Seven" John Rutter

✦Indicates congregation standing

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