



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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April 15, 2018, 11:00 a.m.  
*Season of Eastertide*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Church has always practiced some manner of corporate profession of faith. In the Old Testament, worshipers recited the Shema, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deut. 6:4-9; 11:13-21). Likewise, in the New Testament there are examples of possible early creeds (Col. 1:15-20 and Phil. 2:1-12).

As we come to the Lord's Table at the 8:15 communion service this morning, we will be reading The Apostles' Creed, which declares the most basic and unalterable facts about the Christian faith and can be confessed by every Christian.

There are many reasons it is good to state our faith corporately. First, we are one family in this struggle called the Christian life and one army in this battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. We declare our faith to Christ our Commander in the presence of His cosmic enemies. As we say the Creed, let us imagine standing shoulder to shoulder as soldiers in a line of defense against hell's strongholds.

Second, we use this and other creeds as encouragement, for they summarize God's great plan for saving sinners like us. Therefore, as we join together for worship and profess the Creed corporately, let us do so boldly and joyfully. For in Christ's victory over the grave, all of His and our enemies are conquered, and we are saved!

## THE GLORY OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Emperor's Fanfare" ..... Antonio Soler  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Steal Away" ..... Hal Hopson  
*Dee Walker, flute*

A WORD ON WORSHIP ..... George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: "Praise His Glorious Name" ..... Robert Liddon

Sing, O Daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O Israel.  
Be glad and rejoice with all of your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem.  
The Lord your God is with you. He is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
He will take great delight in you. He'll quiet you with his love.  
He rejoices over you with singing.  
Sing, O Daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O Israel.  
The Lord your God is with you. He is mighty. He is mighty to save.  
  
Sing, ye chosen of Israel. Shout aloud, your voices raise.  
Give glory to God in the name of His Son, ye ransomed of Jerusalem.  
God sent His Son to save you from the curse of the grave.  
Jesus Christ came to save.  
For He laid down His life for you, redeemed you by His blood,  
From your sin and guilt and shame He freed you,  
Sing, O child of His kingdom. Shout aloud, give Jesus praise.  
He reigns and intercedes for you. Hallelujah! Praise His glorious name!

*The Chancel Choir  
Christy Young, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP .....D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" . . . . . HYMN TO JOY  
*Our children's choirs are learning this hymn this month.*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother — all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

✦INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

✦OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Chronicles 16:5-31, 34-36 . . . . . Brandon Morrison

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and he is to be feared above all gods.

**For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.**

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

**Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

**tremble before him, all the earth;  
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,  
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation,  
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!"  
Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.**

✦DOXOLOGY . . . . . TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

# THE GRACE OF GOD

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,**  
**we humbly confess that we are an anxious and fearful people.**  
**We do not trust You as we should,**  
**and we often try to control our circumstances**  
**to prevent hardships and pain.**  
**We are slow to seek You in prayer, weak in our perseverance,**  
**and quick to forget Your faithfulness to us,**  
**Your power, and Your all-sufficient grace.**  
**Forgive us for the folly of our self-trust.**  
**Forgive us for seeking our self-preservation rather than Your glory.**  
**Forgive us for doubting Your goodness,**  
**Your strength, and Your salvation.**  
**Renew our minds and hearts**  
**that we might walk by faith and not by sight.**  
**By Your mercy, keep us wholly devoted to Christ**  
**and cause us to endure to the end,**  
**that we might receive Your great salvation.**  
**Through Jesus Christ we pray.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....Ephesians 1:7-8

*In him we have redemption through his blood,  
 the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,  
 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD.....Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Christus Paradox".....arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave.  
 You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,  
 Shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,  
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.  
 You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.  
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
 Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.  
 You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

Alleluia, You, who are our death and our life.

## ✦GREETINGS

# THE WORD OF GOD

## ✦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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 274 "Thine Be the Glory" ..... MACCABAEUS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Acts 9:32-43  
(page 918 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)

SERMON *An Attractive Savior, Part 1* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Worship Christ, the Risen King" . . . . . REGENT SQUARE

**Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!**

✦BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longpont"..... Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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I. Compassion on the Weak (Acts 9:32-35)

A. Body (vv. 32-33)

B. Occupation (vv. 34-35)

II. Compassion on the Outcast (Acts 9:36-43)

A. From Life (vv. 36-42)

B. From Society (v. 43)