



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 25, 2019
Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Today's hymn of praise is "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" by William Williams of Wales (1717-1781). Though Williams wrote more than 800 hymns during his career, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" is the most popular and is one of the few translated into English. This hymn is used in worship in congregations around the globe and is sung across denominations. It was sung at Princess Diana's funeral service and is commonly heard among Welsh crowds at rugby matches and other public gatherings.

One of the reasons this hymn has remained so popular and has stood the test of time in so many worshipping communities is its universal subject of struggle. Every believer and unbeliever encounters suffering and struggle in this life, and this hymn affirms the reality that God provides for us and uses all the wrong in the world for His glory.

Throughout this hymn, Williams interweaves imagery from the book of Exodus to evoke a sense of God's guidance through trials and tribulations. The God who provided for the Hebrew people wandering in "barren lands" with the "Bread of Heaven" is still and will forever be a God of provisional and sustaining grace.

The final lines conclude exuberantly as the people of Israel sing victory to their Redeemer and Provider. As those redeemed in Christ, we have every reason to sing, too! Let us then, with joy in our hearts, offer praise to our great Jehovah!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Prelude in G Major" J.S. Bach
"Behold the Lamb" arr. Larry Shackley
Chase Benefiel, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry Peak

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 598 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
Words: William Williams / Music: John Hughes / Psalm 48:14

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 24 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

How is Christ a prophet?

**As a prophet, Christ reveals the will of God to us
for our salvation by His word and Spirit.**

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:
"Lift High the Name of Jesus" LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS
Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Fionán de Barra, and Ed Cash / Philippians 2:9-11

**Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.
O sing, my soul, and tell all He's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Here I Am, Lord" Craig Courtney

Words and Music: Dan Schutte; arr. Courtney / Isaiah 6

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night, in the night.
I will go, I will go, Lord, if You lead.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them; whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame; I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them; whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, here I am, here I am.

*Summer Choir
Emily Edwards, flute
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦DOXOLOGY..... TALLIS' CANON

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

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Brett Wynne

✦GREETINGS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please stand)*

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION:

No. 600 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" HE LEADETH ME

Words: Joseph Gilmore / Music: William Bradbury / Psalm 73:23-24

SCRIPTURE LESSONExodus 7:25-8:15
(pages 50 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON

Our Primary Purpose

George Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Lord's table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat.

For those in the balcony, please remain seated, and the elements will be served to you in your pew.

All communion wafers are gluten free.

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH..... The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change,
deliver us from our present bondage,
lead us into the newness of life,
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in the likeness of Christ our Lord.
It's in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Romans 8:1-2

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

During this time, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.

“Before the Throne of God Above” BEFORE THE THRONE

Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook / Hebrews 4:14-16

**Before the throne of God above I have a strong and 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.**

**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!**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Words: Robert Campbell / Music: George Elvey / I Corinthians 5:7

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.**

SOLO MEDITATION: “Jesus Is Mine” Matthew Merker

Words and Music: Jane Catherine Lundie Bonar, Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matthew Merker

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy, Jesus is mine.
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.
Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless; Jesus is mine.**

**In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.
His voice commands the storm, His presence stills my soul.
He will sustain my hope, Jesus is mine.**

*Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine.
When all else fails, He still remains. Jesus is mine.*

**When on that final day, Jesus is mine;
Before His radiant face, Jesus is mine.
Safe in His arms I’ll cling, praising my Savior King.
Forevermore I’ll sing: “Jesus is mine.”**

Calvin Ellis, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE..... ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Words: Robert Campbell / Music: George Elvey / I Corinthians 5:7

**Mighty victor from the sky, powers of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.**

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress" Diane Bish

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Our Primary Purpose

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I. Glorify God

II. Enjoy God