



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

July 27, 2014



TREASURE OUR KING

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You,
without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us Your mercy.
With You as our ruler and guide,
may we so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal. We pray in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune" Frederick Swann
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
"Tis So Sweet" and "Amazing Grace" arr. Peter Leibensperger
Long Long Kang, violin; Gabriel C. Statom, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 299 "Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious" CORONAE

✦FIRST READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE:
Revelation 19:11-16 Alyssa Champion (8:15)
Candace C. Willis (11:00)

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse!
The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True,
and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

**His eyes are like a flame of fire,
and on his head are many diadems,
and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.**

He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood,
and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

**And the armies of heaven,
arrayed in fine linen, white and pure,
were following him on white horses.**

From his mouth comes a sharp sword
with which to strike down the nations,
and he will rule them with a rod of iron.

He will tread the winepress of the fury
of the wrath of God the Almighty.
On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written,

King of kings and Lord of lords.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CORONAE

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

TRUST OUR KING

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15: *Virginia Frances Wilkins, born May 11, 2014, daughter of Jess and Luke Wilkins*
Annabelle Lee Langford, born August 23, 2013, daughter of Buffy and James Langford
Andrew Miller Hammons, born January 15, 2014, son of Rachel and Brandon Hammons
11:00: *Emory Kitchens Poole, born February 5, 2014, daughter of Leslie and Brian Poole*

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.**

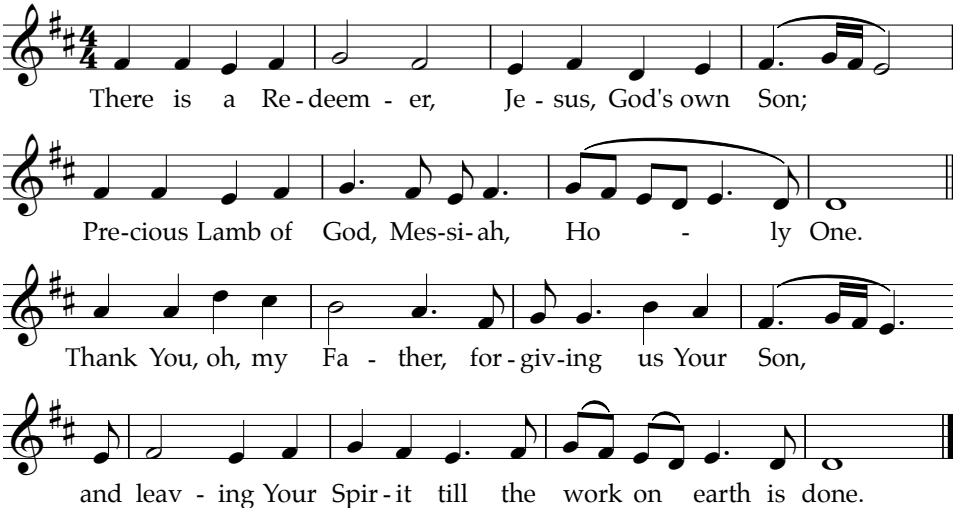
CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Heavenly King,
You summon us to gaze upon Your beauty,
but we are mesmerized by the transient and created splendor of this world.
We confess that we have cherished visions
of earthly wealth, beauty and power
and have sought after them with more zeal and fervor
than Your name, Your kingdom, and Your will.
Forgive the wandering eyes of our hearts
and enable us by faith to fix our gaze
upon the One Who alone is worthy
of our focused attention and deepest affection.
For we make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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There is a Re-deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
Pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.
Thank You, oh, my Fa - ther, for - giv-ing us Your Son,
and leav - ing Your Spir-it till the work on earth is done.

SERVE OUR KING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Alfred Fedak

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Melodie Green

**When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Yvonne K. Hardin

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 READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE Revelation 3:1-13
(page 1029 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 *Sardis and Philadelphia: Moving from Perception to the Heart of the Matter* T. Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ SENDING HYMN: No. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. LEONARDS

**May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Rise Up, O Church of God" arr. Robert Hebble

