



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 31, 2016



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Almighty Father, You have been sending Your Spirit for a long time.
Pour out Your Spirit upon us in life-transforming ways.

We pray for:

- The power of Your Holy Spirit and ask You to strengthen us to serve You worthily.
- The wisdom of Your Holy Spirit and ask You to fill us with a greater knowledge of Your will.
- The peace of Your Holy Spirit and ask that He might cause us to flourish in every dimension of our lives and strengthen our confidence in Your love.
- The healing of Your Holy Spirit and ask You to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, discord, sickness, and sorrow among us.
- The gifts of Your Holy Spirit and ask You to equip us for the tasks that You have assigned us.
- The fruit of your Holy Spirit and ask You to ensure that the love of Jesus governs all of our relationships.

O Spirit, breathe upon us the joys of eternal life!
Blow out the dust of sin in our lives and fill us anew with Yourself.
Make us one in heart and mind to serve You for Jesus' sake, Amen.

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook, p. 706

THE PREEMINENT WORTH OF OUR GOD

PIANO PRELUDE: "Worship Medley" arr. Scott Sturtevant
"My Jesus I Love Thee" arr. Scott Sturtevant
Scott Sturtevant, piano

CHORAL INTROIT: "A Festive Gloria" Patti Drennan
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Et in terra pax hominibus. Bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te. Adoramus te.

Glory to God in the highest!
And on earth peace among men. Good will.
We praise You, we bless You. We adore You.

Memphis Children's Choir
Directors: Justin Pepper and Terri Theil
Accompanist: Scott Sturtevant

CALL TO WORSHIP. L. Brett Wynne

✦HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE TRINITY:
No. 101 "Come, Thou Almighty King" TRINITY

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 145:1-7 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Ruthie Mengistu (11:00)

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRINITY

**Jesus, our Lord, descend;
From all our foes defend,
Nor let us fall;
Let Thine almighty aid
Our sure defense be made:
Our souls on Thee be stayed;
Lord, hear our call.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE PARDONING MERCY OF OUR GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and holy Father,
we confess that our hearts are consumed
with the fears and cares of this world.
The deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things
choke out Your Word and grieve Your Spirit in our lives.
Forgive us for being led astray
from a single-minded, pure, and undistracted devotion
to You, our faithful Father, our loving Savior and life-giving Spirit.
Pardon us for doubting Your promises and questioning Your goodness.
Send Your Spirit to rekindle the fires of devotion in our hearts.
For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and King. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF PETITION: No. 726 "Spirit of the Living God" IVERSON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Richard G. Cain

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Dona Nobis Pacem" Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Dona nobis pacem. Grant us peace.

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE PROMISED SPIRIT OF OUR GOD

✠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:12-31
(page 901 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 *The Promise of Power* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "For Your Gift of God the Spirit"HYFRYDOL

1. For your gift of God the Spirit, pow'r to
2. Fa - ther, grant your Ho - ly Spirit in our

make our lives a - new, pledge of life and
hearts may rule to - day, grieved not, quenched not,

hope of glo - ry, Sav - ior, we would wor - ship you.
but un - hind - ered, work in us his so - vereign way.

Crown - ing gift of re - sur - rec - tion sent from your as -
Fill us with your ho - ly full - ness, God the Fa - ther,

cen - ded throne, full - ness of the ve - ry
Spir - it, Son; in us, through us, then, for -

God - head, come to make your life our own.
e - ver, shall your per - fect will be done.

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" John Behnke
Jill Peak, organ

✠*Indicates congregation standing*

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