



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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July 1, 2018  
*Trinity Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Our Hymn of Preparation today is “The Power of the Cross” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. Getty writes:

*“The Power of the Cross” is a meditation on the sufferings of Christ. In the New Testament, Paul and the Apostles often preached and prayed in detailed and visual ways about the cross, turning all of our senses to Christ’s sufferings and their significance. Stuart and I considered how the reality of His sufferings should penetrate our worship services and were challenged by the need to explain the overwhelming significance and implications these have for our lives. It is also our hope that people will be challenged again by the wonder and power of the Cross.*

Christian, because of Christ’s work on the cross, we have been reconciled to God, we have been united to each other, and we have been raised to new and everlasting life. As those who are in Christ, let us marvel at the glory and power of the Cross and may “It is Finished” be our victory cry!

## EXALT OUR GREAT GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” . . . .arr. Fred Bock  
“Gammal fäbodpsalm från Dalarna” . . . . . Oskar Lindberg  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

WORD ON WORSHIP . . . . . George Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Spirit of the Living God” . . . . . IVERSON

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

*Juana Ellis, Christy Young, Calvin Ellis, soloists*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Josh Preston

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 598 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” . . . . CWM RHONDDA

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 27:1-6 . . . . . Amanda Coop (8:15)  
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

**to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

**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.**

**REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD**

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wandering, deeper than all our sin.  
Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes,  
our drifting from Your ways,  
our refusal to love and serve others,  
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our neglect of Your life-giving Word,  
and our indifference to the treasures of heaven.  
Return us to the joy of Your salvation  
so that we may desire what is good,  
love what You love, and do what You command,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . John 3:16**

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "He Leadeth Me" . . . . . arr. Calvin Ellis**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . Dan Burns

✠GREETINGS

**A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)**

# RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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: "The Power of the Cross" . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Acts 15:1-35  
*(page 923 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.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Necessary Arguments* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 358 "For All the Saints" .....SINE NOMINE  
*stanzas 1, 3 & 6*

✦BENEDICTION *(please raise hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon-Sortie" ..... Henri Mulet

✦Indicates congregation standing

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I. Immediately (*Acts 15:1-4*)

A. Vigilance

B. Fervor

II. Deliberatively (*Acts 15:5-11*)

A. Appeal

B. Plurality

C. Submission

D. Debate

III. Biblically (*Acts 15:12-22*)

A. Providence

B. Proof

IV. Pastorally (*Acts 15:23-35*)

A. Manner

B. Message