



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

July 29, 2018
Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

At times our enemies of the world, the flesh, and the devil seem too powerful for us. Persecution, moral compromise, and doctrinal compromise prove menacing and destructive.

When it looks like our enemies are winning, we remember that Jesus promises that nothing will destroy His Church. As the King, He restrains all of His enemies and will eventually conquer them and establish His kingdom. For this, we delight to worship our eternal King.

Question 26 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism reminds us of what King Jesus does: He subdues us to Himself, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all of His and our enemies.

As a result of worship today, may the Spirit empower you to:

- Fully surrender the throne of your heart to your King.
- Name your rival kings and pseudo saviors, and confess your idols.
- Pray and expect big things from your good and mighty King.

John Newton reminds us of how we should pray to our God: "Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring; for His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much."

Let us gaze and glory and give ourselves again to our great King!

ENTER THE KING'S PRESENCE WITH JOY

PRELUDE: "Allegro" G.F. Handel, arr. Dupré
"Power of the Cross"arr. Lloyd Larson
Samuel Metzger, organ and piano

CALL TO WORSHIPArtez Henderson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 580 "Lead On, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM: Question 26..... Bill Jorgensen (8:15)
Haley Overcast (11:00)

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**Christ executes the office of a king,
in subduing us to Himself,
in ruling and defending us,
and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.**

✦DOXOLOGY..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

RECEIVE THE KING'S PEACE WITH THANKSGIVING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O King of Glory,
 we confess that our praise of Your majesty has often been faint
 and our behavior as citizens of Your Kingdom treasonous.
 We have doubted Your perfect reign,
 and we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and known sins.
 We have sought comfort in things that perish,
 rather than find rest in Your salvation.
 Transform our hearts with healing grace and
 forgive the wrong we have done
 and our failure to do what You have commanded.
 Help us to humble ourselves and trust in Your power.
 Melt our hard hearts with Your love
 and make us eager to honor You with our lives.
 By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline
 and Your amazing grace and abundant patience,
 may we be loyal and loving servants of the King.
 It is through Jesus Christ we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. I John 4:9-10

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
 that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.
 In this is love, not that we have loved God
 but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. John Rutter

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
 Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
 Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
 Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
 Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
 Be Thou my whole armor, be Thou my true might;
 Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
 O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
 Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
 Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
 O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
 Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Women's Choir
 Christy Young, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Brett Wynne

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Ron Hickman

HEAR THE KING'S WORD WITH REPENTANCE AND FAITH

◆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.**



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be-fore the



stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that
own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; Now,
crown. We fol - low in His foot - steps where



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one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -
prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -



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hon - or the ones that You have loved? Be - neath the
fore us to be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the



cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
cross of Je - sus, see the child - ren called by God.
cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

◆HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"Keith and Kristyn Getty

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:22-30
(page 873 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 *Is It Easy or Hard to Go to Heaven?* David Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" . . .HAMBURG

◆BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata in Seven" John Rutter

I. The Question (*Luke 13:22-23*)

II. The Answer (*Luke 13:24-30*)

A. Narrow Door (24)

B. Shut Door (25)

C. Secure Door (26-28)

D. Surprising Door (29-30)

III. The Importance (*Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23*)