



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 20, 2019
Season of Epiphany



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

As we begin a new year, it is good to remind ourselves why we design our worship services with several liturgical movements. One of the reasons is to allow the Spirit of God to reorient our hearts and minds to the only story that matters: the story of God.

The first movement starts when the Lord calls us to worship Him. The Westminster Shorter Catechism teaches us that the chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. We also see from Exodus 8:1 that the Lord redeems us so that we may worship Him. So we begin our services by answering God's call to worship Him in "spirit and in truth."

The second movement focuses on the Lord cleansing us of sin as we confess our sins and receive anew His pardoning grace. Every one of us falls short of the glory of God, but each Sunday we remind ourselves of and rejoice over the Good News of the Gospel. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone!

The final movement is when the Lord blesses us and sends us out to be His Kingdom representatives in the world. Worshiping as a gathered community is never the final act of the Church in this world. Instead, we are sent forth as God's servants to express and embody the Gospel of Jesus to a lost and dying world.

Therefore, let us pray that our worship would not be rote and mechanical but rather glorify God and reorient our hearts to His story!

PRaise THE GOD OF GLORY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"arr. Fred Bock
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Praise to the Lord"Charles Callahan
Megan Woodring, horn

CALL TO WORSHIPBrett Wynne

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed. (*Revelation 15:3b-4*)

Let us praise the Lord together.

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 55 "To God Be the Glory"TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11Grace Knight (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy,

**complete my joy by being of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,

but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,

but also to the interests of others.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

✠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.**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

Marigny Grace Harris, born April 26, 2018, daughter of Rachel and Calvin Harris

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.**

RECEIVE THE GOD OF GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious Father,
we thank You for the Gospel of Jesus which tells us
that the One who possesses real authority to assert His rights
lays them aside to humbly serve and die for us.
But we confess, in our pride,
we often haven’t responded to the Gospel faithfully.
We have denied You with silence, passivity, and cowardice.
We have betrayed You with our idolatry, disobedience, and selfishness.
For these things we ask Your forgiveness and Your enabling grace.
Transform us into courageous ambassadors for Christ.
Draw us ever closer to You
and embolden us to take up our cross daily to follow You.
For we pray in the name of the One to whom every knee will bow
and every tongue confess, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Proverbs 28:13

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Coronation" Craig Courtney

Crown Him, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.
Crown Him, the One who died and rose again to live forevermore.
Crown Him, the bread of Life, high and holy Priest, bright and morning Star.
He holds the keys of death; He holds the keys of hell.
He is the ruler of the kings of the earth. Crown Him — behold your King.
See Him coming with the clouds, ev'ry eye shall see Him whom they have pierced.
See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.
He is the Living One. He who is and was and who is to come.
He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood. He is the mighty Son of God.
Crown Him, behold your King! Behold Him!
Behold your King, behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Crown Him!

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Mike Stokke

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

HEAR THE GOD OF TRUTH

✦ 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: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" LIFT EVERY VOICE

Choir:

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

✦ *Congregation stands and sings:*

The musical score is written for a choir and congregation. It features two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with the same key signature and time signature. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics continue below the staves.

2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might, led us in - to the light,

come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee,

we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

tered; out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... Esther 4:1-3
(pages 412 in pew Bible)

SERMON *Gospel Priorities: For Such a Time as This, Part 1* Alex Shipman

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 642 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

✠BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✠ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Final from "Symphony No. 1"Louis Vierne

♦Indicates congregation standing

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