



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 13, 2016
11:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

John Calvin declares that “we will never worship God with a sincere heart, or be roused to fear and obey Him with sufficient zeal, until we properly understand how much we are indebted to His mercy.”

Our first Scripture reading and opening hymn explain in detail why we are so indebted to our Lord Jesus Christ. He is God’s servant who suffers not because of His own sins, but because of ours. He rescues us by living and dying as our substitute. He takes away our infirmities. He carries our sorrows. He is pierced for our transgressions. He is crushed for our iniquities. Note the amazing detail of Isaiah’s prophecy that was written almost 700 years before the life of Jesus, our Messiah.

Let us marvel at the privileges that are ours because of the cross of Jesus. We now have peace with God and the healing of our hearts.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit would work mightily in our hearts so that we would cherish a more firm, soul-absorbing confidence in the power of the gospel. This gospel declares that Jesus died as a weak and helpless lamb to save straying and stubborn sheep like us for all eternity. As we draw near to worship, may our Lord give us a foretaste of the unending joy and delight that will be ours in God’s presence forever.

EXALT THE GREATNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

PRELUDE:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Max Reger

Samuel Metzger, organ

“Benedictus” Karl Jenkins

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music
Diego Rodriguez, cello*

“Andante Sostenuto” from *Symphonie Gothique* Charles-Marie Widor

CHORAL MEDITATION: “O Vos Omnes” Tomás Luis de Victoria

*O vos omnes qui transitis per viam,
Attendite, et viet. Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.
Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.*

O all ye that pass by on your journey, behold and see, look upon me.
Could there any sorrow be like unto my sorrow?
Behold and see, all ye people,
Come, give heed, and consider my grief and sorrow.

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CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S ATONING WORK:

No. 246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

stanzas 1-4

He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

**and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

**yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;

**upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned — every one — to his own way;

**and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;

**like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

**When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

*Abigail Jane Green, born February 2, 2016, daughter of Sara and Justin Green
Silas Robert Shapple, born August 7, 2015, son of Rebekah and Rusty Shapple*

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.**

EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST


CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We confess the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
our dishonesty in daily life and work,
our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to confidently rest in gospel grace.
Have mercy upon us for we pray
in the blessed name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.


INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON


♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "The Power of the Cross".....Keith Getty



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day,
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live won through Your self - less love!

Refrain



This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God slain for us, What a



blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
love, what a cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Laudamus Te".....Karl Jenkins

*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

We praise You, we bless You,
We worship You, we glorify You,
We give thanks to You for Your great glory.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSETALLIS' CANON

**Thee we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy name with one accord.
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee.**

**To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high:
Thee, holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing.**

**From day to day, O Lord, do we
Exalt and highly honor Thee!
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

EMBRACE THE VISION OF JESUS CHRIST

✦GREETINGS

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 17:1-19
(page 903 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 *Jesus' Prayer for His Church* Richard G. Cain

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 353 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"..... ST. THOMAS

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Grand Chœur".....Théodore Dubois

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778