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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 6, 2018
Season of Eastertide


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

This morning, as God's people, we have the privilege of celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. According to J.C. Ryle, these are the benefits we should expect to receive as we feed, by faith, on Jesus through the Lord's Supper:

A "humbling" effect on the soul. *The bread and wine serve as emblems of Christ's body and blood and remind us of how sinful sin must be!*

A "cheering" effect on the soul. *How full, perfect, and complete is our salvation!*

A "restraining" effect on the soul. *The one who goes regularly to the Lord's table finds it increasingly hard to yield to sin and conform to the world.*

A "sanctifying" effect on the soul. *The bread and wine remind us how great our debt of gratitude to the Lord is and what a privilege it is to live for Him who died for us. In eating that bread and drinking that cup, a believer will have his repentance deepened, his faith increased, his knowledge enlarged, and his habit of holy living strengthened. No wonder that a true Christian finds the Lord's Supper a source of great blessing!*

As those who were once enemies, but are now seated at the Table of Christ, let us with joy worship Him together!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Allegro" from *Concerto in F Major* G.F. Handel
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Be Still My Soul" Dino Kartsonakis
Brad Jones, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA



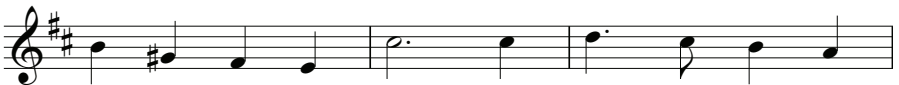
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his
2. Crown him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and
3. Crown him the Lord of life: who tri - umphed o'er the
4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Fa - ther



throne: hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
side - rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in
grave, who rose vic - to - rious to the strife for
known, one with the Spir - it through him giv'n from



mu - sic but its own! A - wake, my soul, and sing of
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the sky can
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, who
yon - der glo - rious throne. To thee be end - less praise, for



him who died for thee, and hail him as thy
ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends his
died and rose on high, who died e - ter - nal
thou for us hast died; be thou, O Lord, through



match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
won - d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
life to bring and lives that death may die.
end - less days a - dorned and mag - ni - fied.

✦ INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

✦ THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 31 Ethan Knight (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

Why is Jesus called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

**Because he has been ordained by God the Father,
and anointed with the Holy Spirit,
to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,
who has fully revealed to us
the secret counsel and will of God
concerning our redemption;
our only High Priest,
who by the one sacrifice of his body
has redeemed us,
and who continually intercedes for us
before the Father;
and our eternal King,
who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who defends and preserves us
in the redemption obtained for us.**

✦ DOXOLOGY TALLIS’ CANON

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Let Me Hide Myself in Thee” Craig Courtney

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Calvin Ellis, Associate Director of Music*

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Gerry A. Peak

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15). Kevin T. McQuillen

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please stand)*

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Speak, O Lord” Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.**

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 11:19-30
(page 920 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 *Vital Signs, Part 1* George W. Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time and pass by the elements. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members. We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements. All communion wafers are gluten free.

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOR EX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of You
and for ignoring Your immensity and greatness.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget
that You rule the nations, our city, our families, and our lives.
Holy Spirit, we offend You
by minimizing Your power and squandering Your gifts.
We confess that our blindness to Your glory, O triune God,
has resulted in half-hearted worship,
indifference towards our neighbors,
unfaithfulness to Your mission,
tepid conviction, and shallow repentance.
Forgive us and make us clean,
so that we can obey Your call,
take up Your cross and follow You,
and live for the glory of Your name.
It is through Jesus Christ we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I Timothy 1:15

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will
serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing
the hymns printed below.*

“Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night” JESUS, I COME

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus I come, Jesus, I come,
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come,
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come,
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

“Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

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

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright hea’vn’s Sun!
Heart of mine own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

“Behold the Lamb” Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us — and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you — eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you — drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Mighty victim from the sky, pow’rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

✦BENEDICTION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final" from *Sonata No. 1*Alexandre Guilmant

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Vital Signs, Part 1 | George Robertson

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I. Evangelism (*Acts 11:19-21*)

- A. Every situation is an opportunity

- B. Every person needs to hear

- C. Every effort to make clear

II. Apologetics (*Acts 11:22-24*)

- A. What is apologetics?

- B. Who are apologetes?

III. Discipleship (*Acts 11:25-26*)

- A. Requires effort

- B. Results in courage

IV. Mercy Ministry (*Acts 11:27-30*)

- A. Kingdom focused

- B. Earthly results

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday night at 6:00 in the Sanctuary for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. The evening sermon is based on the same passage of Scripture and is a continuation from what is preached during the morning services. We invite you to worship with us!