



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 2, 2018
Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Beginning this morning, we will introduce a “hymn of the month,” which we will learn and sing together as a congregation. Some of the hymns we will know quite well, while others may be new to many of us.

This month’s hymn is “Holy, Holy, Holy,” written by Reginald Heber in 1826. Heber grew up in Cheshire, England and would later serve as an Anglican Bishop in Calcutta, India. Surrounded by the prevalence of vice in England and idolatry in Calcutta, Heber was drawn to the holiness of God and would often pen the phrase “Only Thou Art Holy” in his writings. Our hymn is the culmination of his desire to exalt the one, true, and holy Triune God.

Inspired by Isaiah 6, Revelation 4, and the Nicene Creed, this hymn invokes a sense of awe at the majesty of God and calls on all of creation to praise the Godhead three-in-one.

As we marvel at the character of God, particularly His holiness, may we bow together and sing “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come” (Revelation 4:8).

PRAISE OUR HOLY GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Sonata No. 1:

*“Allegro Moderato e Serioso” and “Adagio” . . . Felix Mendelssohn
Samuel Metzger, organ*

WORD ON WORSHIP George Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “O Savior of the World” Charles Callahan

O Savior of the World,
Who by Thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us,
Save us and help us, O Lord.

*The Chancel Choir
Christy Young, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP Jon McGuirt

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 100 “Holy, Holy, Holy!” NICAIA

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-7 Marjorie Bowman (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

In the year that King Uzziah died
I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up;
and the train of his robe filled the temple.

**Above him stood the seraphim.
Each had six wings: with two he covered his face,
and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.**

And one called to another and said:
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

**And the foundations of the thresholds shook
at the voice of him who called,
and the house was filled with smoke.**

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost;
for I am a man of unclean lips,

**and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"**

Then one of the seraphim flew to me,
having in his hand a burning coal
that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

**And he touched my mouth and said:
"Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."**

✦DOXOLOGY..... TALLIS' CANON

**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.**

TRUST OUR HOLY GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in Your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease You.
Forgive our sins.
Help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Arise, My Soul, Arise"..... Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands.
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry. "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Brandon Terry

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)..... Will Nease

FOLLOW OUR HOLY 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 Sands of Time" Connie Dever

Choir:

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes;
Dark, dark hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

✦ *Congregation stands and sings:*

2. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the deep, sweet well of love!
3. O I am my be - lov - ed's, and my be - lov - ed's mine!
4. The Bride eyes not her gar - ment but her dear Bride-groom's face;

The streams on earth I've tast - ed more deep I'll drink a - bove:
He brings a poor vile sin - ner in - to his "house of wine."
I will not gaze at glo - ry but on my King of grace.

there to an o - cean ful - ness his mer - cy doth ex - pand,
I stand up - on his mer - it — I know no oth - er stand,
Not at the crown he giv - eth but on his pierc - ed hand:

and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth in Im-man-uel's land.
not e'en where glo - ry dwell - eth in Im-man-uel's land.
the Lamb is all the glo - ry of Im-man-uel's land.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Acts 16:11-40
(page 925 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

Dignifying Grace

George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 465 “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” . . MOODY

✦BENEDICTION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Sonata No. 1: “Allegro Vivace Assai” Felix Mendelssohn

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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