

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION  
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, January 25, 2015

The Christian Year: the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand....Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust.” Psalm 40:1, 2, 4.

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship Psalm 29:1-2

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Minister: The LORD is enthroned as King forever!

People: The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace!

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 100

Holy, Holy, Holy  
(last verse a capella)

\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, the heavens declare your glory and the earth your riches; the universe is your temple and you fill it with the immensity and majesty of your being. Yet you who inhabit eternity are pleased to dwell with the humble and contrite in heart. O God, make us, each one and all together, a fit habitation for yourself so that we might know the joy of your fellowship. In the name of him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Confession of Faith The Larger Catechism, Q 155

Minister: How is the word made effectual to salvation?

People: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and

subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

All: Thanks be to God!

\*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy

Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;  
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.  
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 829) Psalm 119:1-24

Hymn of Praise No. 106

Father, Father of All Things

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries, especially for Mike McAuliff (Youth for Christ, Atlanta, Ga), Ted and Donna Robart and staff (the Women’s Refuge), the board and staff of CareNet, Amjad and Sarah Mahand (London, England), Jim Stewart (Missionary Flights Int.), Brent and Katie Webster (RUF, Berkeley), Bishop Peter Kitula and the pastors of Tanzania. Pray for the Church.

Lord, hear our prayers.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Lord, hear our prayers.

I ask your prayers for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

Lord, hear our prayers.

I ask your prayers for our children and future generations which will be born to them. Pray that the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth through them.

Lord, hear our prayers.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 11

Speak, O Lord

Worship of God Through Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology Tune: 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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

\*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Ezra 7:1-10

\*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato

“SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIVING”

\*Hymn of Praise No. 672

Trust and Obey

\*The Benediction

Postlude

\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

5:00 p.m. Soup and Salad Supper  
followed by a Town Hall Meeting