

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, March 22, 2015

The Christian Year: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

*“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8*

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 103:17, 106:1, 107:1, 136:26

Minister: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children,

People: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

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People: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.

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

*Hymn of Adoration No. 168
I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation
Lord Jesus, Great High Priest: You have opened a new and living way by which I, a fallen creature, may approach You with acceptance. Help me to behold the dignity of Your person, the perfection of Your sacrifice, and the efficacy of Your intercession. I come to You for grace upon grace until every void made by sin is replenished and I am filled with all the fullness of Your peace and joy. Amen.

*Confession of Faith THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 735
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.

Public Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all that has displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways according to the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon
What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:31-32

Hymn of Gratitude SH No. 10
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 821) Psalm 103

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making me steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:1-3)

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 662
As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams

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 Matthew 22:1-14

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Tom Osterhaus
“PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET”

*Hymn of Response No. 457
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

6:00 PM

Amjad Mahand will speak tonight.

The children will continue their study of
Catechism for Young Children.