

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION  
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, April 24, 2016  
The Christian Year: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

““Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.’...So they departed from the tomb with fear and great joy.” Matthew 28:5-8

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]  
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship Psalm 150

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds!

Minister: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

People: Praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with strings and pipe!

Unison: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 53  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
(verse 5 a cappella)

\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer  
O Father, You have loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me. O Jesus, You have loved me and assumed my nature, shed Your own blood to wash away my sins, and achieved righteousness to cover my unworthiness. O Holy Spirit, You have loved me and entered my heart, implanted there eternal life, and revealed to me the glories of Jesus. Three persons and one God, I bless and praise You for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory. To You we offer unceasing praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From “The Trinity” in The Valley of Vision

\*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one

substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Praise be to God!

\*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy  
Glory be to God the Father and to Christ His only Son;  
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the Church as one:  
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore!  
Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 826) Psalm 111

\*Hymn of Response No. 281  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Glory, Hallelujah

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.

Minister: Father, I pray for Your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries, especially for Ted and Donna Robart and staff (the Women’s Refuge), the board and staff of CareNet, Amjad and Sarah Mahand (London, England), Brent and Katie Webster (RUF, University of California, Berkeley), and the pastors of Tanzania and the coming pastors’ conference. I pray for the Church.

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, and the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially

our brothers and sisters throughout the world suffering persecution.

Minister: I pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. May they find and be found by You.

People: We pray for Your blessing on our children and on future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of You, our great Savior, fill the earth through them.

Minister: Father, may we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 646  
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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 John 15:1-11

\*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Michael Allen  
“I AM THE TRUE VINE”

\*Hymn of Praise No. 535  
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

\*The Benediction

Postlude

\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service  
Evening Gathering at 6:00 p.m.