

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION  
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, September 18, 2016

The Christian Year: the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing.”  
Psalm 34:8-9

[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 34

Minister: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears!

People: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Minister: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

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

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 529  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
(v. 4 a cappella)

\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer  
Blessed Lord Jesus, my Gracious Redeemer: No human mind could ever conceive or invent the gospel. Acting in eternal grace, you are both its messenger and its message, lived out on earth through infinite compassion, applying your life to insult, injury, and death, so that I might be redeemed, ransomed, and freed. Blessed are you, O Father, for contriving this way. Eternal thanks to you, O Lamb of God, for opening this way. Praise everlasting to you, O Holy Spirit, for applying this way to my heart. Glorious Trinity, impress the gospel on my soul, until its glory fills my being. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.  
Adapted from “The Gospel Way” in The Valley of Vision

\*Confession of Faith THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q. 123

Minister: What does the second request in the Lord’s Prayer mean?

People: “Your kingdom come” means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we

submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil’s work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

\*Gloria Tune: Ode to Joy  
Look, ye saints the sight is glorious, see the Man of Sorrows now;  
From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow;  
Hark! Those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station! King of kings and Lord of Lords!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 788) Psalm 16

\*Hymn of Preparation No. 660  
O God beyond All Praising

The Prayers of the People

Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live:

Lord, receive our thanks.

We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed:

Lord, accept our praise.

We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health:

Lord, accept our thanks.

We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself:

Lord, receive our praise.

For all of your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth, we worship and adore you:

Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

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 my 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 Consecration No. 642

Be Thou My Vision  
(verses 1-3, verse 3 a cappella)

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 Ruth 4:1-17

\*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato  
“BLESSING BECAUSE OF REDEMPTION (PART 2)”

\*Hymn of Response No. 642  
Be Thou My Vision  
(verses 4-5, verse 5 a cappella)

\*The Benediction

Postlude

\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.