

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, November 27, 2016

The Christian Year: The First Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM Morning Service

“The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!” Psalm 93

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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. 101
Come, Thou Almighty King
(verse 4 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
King of Glory, Divine Majesty: Every perfection adorns your nature and sustains your throne; the heavens and earth are yours, the world is yours and its fullness. Your power created the universe from nothing; your wisdom has managed all its multiple concerns, presiding over nations, families, and individuals. Your goodness is boundless; all creatures wait on you, are supplied by you, are satisfied in you. How precious are the thoughts of your mercy and grace! How excellent your lovingkindness that draws men to you! Teach us to place our happiness in you, the blessed God. For you have attended to our happiness more than we can do; for in love and pity you have provided us a Savior. And it is in His name we come to you. Amen.

From 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: Gloria Patri (Meineke)
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. 794) Psalm 29

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

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 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. I pray for the Church.

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

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

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of the Lord fill the earth through them.

Minster: And may we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 98
Now Thank We All Our God

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 Zechariah 5

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Michael Glodo
“THE PLACE WHERE GLORY DWELLS: EXILE FOR EVIL”

*Hymn of Response No. 92
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.