

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, January 8, 2017

The Christian Year: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

[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 113:1-9

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise
the name of the LORD!

People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth
and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its
setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Minister: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory
above the heavens!

People: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy
from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with
the princes of His people. He gives the barren woman a
home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Unison: Praise the LORD!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 100

Holy, Holy, Holy
(verse 4 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation
Almighty God, whose Son our Savior is the light of the world:
Grant that your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that He may be
known, loved, worshiped and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, No. 21

Minister: Christian, how do you understand "true faith"?

People: True faith is not only a certain knowledge whereby I
hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His
word; but also a hearty trust which the Holy Ghost
works in my heart by the gospel: that not only to
others, but to me also, the forgiveness of sins,
everlasting righteousness and salvation are freely
given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of
Christ's merits.

*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!

New Testament Reading Revelation 19:11-16

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 498
Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Public Confession
Dear Father, you have been more concerned about our sin than
we have. Only you truly know how it robs us of life and
separates us from the intimate fellowship that you desire with
your people. And yet we know that your grace is greater than all
our sin. What more could you have done for us than what you
have done at the cross? Therefore in humility and hope we trust
you to look upon us as we are united to our blessed Savior Jesus
Christ. For His sake forgive us all our sins and offenses. Renew
and refresh us again through the intercession of our Great High
Priest. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit enable us to hear your
voice of comfort, “Blessed indeed are those whose sins are
forgiven, whose iniquity is covered.” For Jesus’ sake we pray.
Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon
This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,
that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we
have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and
do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the
light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus
His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we
deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a
liar, and His word is not in us. I John 1:5-10

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 246
Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of the Holy Scriptures John 1:1-18

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
“INTRODUCING THE MESSIAH: IN THE BEGINNING”

*Hymn of Response and Preparation No. 441
Jesus Shall Reign

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation and Instructions
All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been
baptized and who are communicant members in good standing
in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this
sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table,
and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord’s Table. However,
the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it
from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if
you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are
harboring sin in your life or if there is any person from whom
you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We
invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak
to your heart and give you more light and understanding.
Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church
should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.
Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.

*Departing Hymn SH No. 6
Before the Throne of God Above

*Benediction

Postlude
*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

The deacons invite you to support them in their work of meeting the
needs of members of our congregation and the wider community who are
experiencing hardship. You may leave your gift following worship in the
Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. As you do this, the deacons want
you to know that they are helping members and friends of Christ the
King. For reasons of confidentiality, we do not publicize our efforts. But
please know that your gifts are helping people! Many, many thanks!

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service