

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, January 15, 2017

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –
all things were created through Him and for Him.” Colossians 1:16

[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 136

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His
steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to Him who alone does great wonders,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

Minister: To Him who by understanding made the heavens, to
Him who spread out the earth above the waters;

People: To Him who made the great lights, the sun to rule
over the day, the moon to rule over the night.

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

*Hymn of Adoration No. 4
All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation
O Lord, our Creator and Savior: You are the image of the
invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. By you all things
were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things
were created through you and for you. You are before all things,
and in you all things hold together. You are the head of the body,
the church. You are the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything you might be preeminent. We come to the
Father in your name. Amen.

*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!

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy
God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

The Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 836) Psalm 139

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

Congregational Prayers

Unison: Almighty, incomprehensible and prayer-hearing God:
I bless you that you have made me capable of
knowing you, the author of all being; of bearing your
likeness, the perfection of all beauty; of enjoying you,
the source of all happiness. I come to you in the midst
of my difficulties, necessities, distresses. I need the
same counsel, defense, comfort I found at my
beginning. Continue the gentleness of your goodness
towards me, and whether I wake or sleep, let your
presence go with me and your blessing attend me. In
the name and for the sake of Jesus, my great High
Priest. Amen.

A Season of Prayer for the President, Congress and Supreme Court

A Season of Prayer for the Sanctity of Life
For the Unborn
For the Aged
For the Infirm

A Season of Prayer for CareNet

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

Minister: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is
the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not become faint or grow weary. His
understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the
faint, and to him who has no might he increases
strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and
young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for
the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount
up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be
weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 111
This Is My Father’s World

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Doxology Tune: Lass 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!

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

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
“INTRODUCING THE MESSIAH: THE AGENT OF CREATION”

*Hymn of Response No. 163
At the Name of Jesus

*The Benediction

Postlude
*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service