

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, January 22, 2017

The Christian Year: the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

“I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand....
Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust.” Psalm 40:1, 2, 4.

[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 48:1-3, 9-11

Minister: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

People: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of the whole earth. . . .

Minister: Within her citadels God has made Himself known as a fortress.

People: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Minister: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Unison: Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 342
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
(last verse a capella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
Almighty and Everlasting God, the heavens declare your glory and the earth your riches; the universe is your temple and you fill it with the immensity and majesty of your being. Yet you who inhabit eternity are pleased to dwell with the humble and contrite in heart. O God, make us, each one and all together, a fit habitation for yourself so that we might know the joy of your fellowship. In the name of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Confession of Faith The Larger Catechism, Q 155

Minister: How is the word made effectual to salvation?

People: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to His image, and subduing them to His will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 829) Psalm 119:1-24

Hymn of Praise No. 689
Be Still, My Soul

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: 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, Berkeley), Bishop Peter Kitula 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—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. 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.

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

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 11
Speak, O Lord

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 Psalm 46

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Michael Allen
“CITY OF GOD”

*Hymn of Praise No. 345
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service.