

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION  
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, March 5, 2017

The Christian Year: the First Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.  
Isaiah 9:2

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

\*Call to WorshipPsalm 36:5-9

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your  
judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you  
save, O Lord.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The  
children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your  
wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you  
give them drink from the river of your delights.

Unison: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do  
we see light.

\*Hymn of AdorationNo. 159  
O Savior, Precious Savior

\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer  
Blessed Father: We praise you and give you thanks, for you have  
qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. You  
have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred  
us to the kingdom of your beloved Son, in whom we have  
redemption and the forgiveness of sins. May we walk in a  
manner worthy of you, fully pleasing to you. Help us to increase  
in our knowledge of you, our great God. We come to you in the  
name of Jesus. Amen.

\*Affirmation of FaithWESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM, Q&A 7

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being,  
glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient,  
eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere  
present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise,

most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious,  
long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

\*Gloria PatriTune: 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!

The Revelation of God’s WillEx. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: “And God spoke all these words saying: ‘I am the  
LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of  
Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any  
likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is  
in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the  
earth.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in  
vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who  
takes his name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days  
you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh  
day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you  
shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your  
daughter, your male servant, or your female servant,  
or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your  
gates.

Minister: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the  
sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.  
Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made  
it holy.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days  
may be long in the land that the LORD your God is  
giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your  
neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall  
not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or  
his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything  
that is your neighbor’s.”

Unison: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and soul, mind and strength...and your neighbor as  
yourself.”

Hymn of ResponseInsert  
God, Be Merciful to Me

Corporate Confession  
Almighty and most merciful God and Father: we have erred and  
strayed from your ways; like lost sheep we have followed too

much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have  
offended against your holy laws; we have left undone those  
things which we ought to have done; and we have done those  
things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health  
in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;  
spare those, O God, who confess their faults; restore those who  
are penitent according to your promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His  
sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, sober and righteous life  
to the glory of your holy Name and the salvation of our own  
souls. Amen.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Unison: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult  
in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments  
of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of  
righteousness. Thanks be to God!Isaiah 61:10

\*Hymn of ThanksgivingNo. 246  
Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

\*DoxologyTune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

\*Reading of The Holy ScripturesJohn 1:9

\*The Prayer for Illumination

SermonDr. Mark Futato  
“THE TRUE LIGHT”

\*Hymn of ResponseNo. 660  
O God beyond All Praising

\*The Benediction

Postlude  
\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.