

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, March 12, 2017
The Christian Year: The Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” Ephesians 1:3

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Rev. 15:3-4; I Timothy 1:17

Minister: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Minister: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever!

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 119

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation
God of All Good: Today we bless you for the means of grace provided to us in the Lord’s Supper. You have prepared for us a feast; and though we are unworthy to sit down as guests, we rest wholly on the merits of Jesus and hide beneath His righteousness. As we partake, we will remember and praise you for your eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, and redemption. We will thank you for the assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. And we will look forward to one day celebrating at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, where we will cry out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us exult and give Him the glory!” In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from “The Lord’s Supper” in The Valley of Vision ; Revelation 19:6-7

*Confession of Faith HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q&A 75

Minister: How does the Lord's Supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

People: In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of Him. With this command He

gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was His body offered for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does He Himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with His crucified body and shed blood.

*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. 787) Psalm 13

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This
(verses 1-2, verse 2 below, a cappella)

Sing as Verse 2
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Public Confession
Eternal Father: You are good beyond all thought, but we are slow of heart and blind; our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. Unmask to us sin’s deformity that we may hate it, abhor it, and flee from it. Our faculties have been a weapon of revolt against you; as we rebel, we misuse our strength and serve the foul adversary of your kingdom. Give us grace to bewail our insane folly; and grant that through the tears of repentance, we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Promise of the Gospel
Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: “I acknowledged my sin to you, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, ‘I will confess my transgression to the Lord’ and you did forgive the guilt of my sin.” Psalm 32:5

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This
(verses 2-3, verse 3 a cappella)

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 Matthew 5:21-30

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Michael Allen

“ANGER AND LUST”

*Hymn of Response and Preparation SH No. 6

Before the Throne of God Above

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 No. 420

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following the service

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!