

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, April 23, 2017

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." Romans 8:3-4

[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 150

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds!

Minister: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

People: Praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with strings and pipe!

Unison: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 660

O God beyond All Praising

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Our Father, we praise you for sending us your Son, our Savior, Jesus, in whom mercy and truth meet together and righteousness and peace kiss each other. In Him, the enslaved find redemption, the guilty pardon, the unholy renovation; in Him are everlasting strength for the weak, unsearchable riches for the needy, treasures of wisdom and knowledge for the ignorant, and fullness for the empty. At your gracious call, we hear, take, come, apply, and receive His grace. We come to you in His name. Amen.

from Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of Faith WCF VIII.ii

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the God-head

and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

Thanks be to God!

*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!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 814) Psalm 85

*Hymn of Response SH No. 10 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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 your truth and in the world to come life everlasting.

Minister: Father, 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, University of California, Berkeley), 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. We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially our brothers and sisters throughout the world suffering persecution.

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 Him.

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, we pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. . . . Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. (Psalm 116:1, 2, 5)

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all this is within me, bless His holy name!

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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 John 1:14

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato

"GOD INCARNATE (PART ONE)"

*Hymn of Praise No. 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*