

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, January 14, 2018

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, . . . let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.
Hebrews 10: 19-22

[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 16

Minister: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

People: **I bless the Lord who gives me counsel . . . I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Minister: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. . . .

People: **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Unison: **Come! Let us give praise to the Lord!**

*Hymn of Adoration No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Lord Jesus, Great High Priest, You have opened a new and living way by which a fallen creature can approach you with acceptance. Help me to contemplate the dignity of your Person, the perfectness of your sacrifice, the effectiveness of your intercession. O what blessedness accompanies devotion, when under all the trials that weary me, the cares that corrode me, the fears that disturb me, the infirmities that oppress me, I can come to you in my need and feel peace beyond understanding! Every new duty calls for more grace than I now possess, but not more than is found in you, the divine Treasury in whom all fullness dwells. To you I repair for grace upon grace, until every void made by sin be replenished and I am filled with all your fullness. May my desires be enlarged and my hopes be emboldened, that I may honor you by my entire dependency and the greatness of my expectation. Amen.

From "Grace Active" in The Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29

Minister: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

People: **Because He saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.**

Unison: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri Tune: Regent Square

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 792) Psalm 25

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 184

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(Tune: St. Columba, verses 1-3, verse 3 a cappella)

Public Confession

Dear Father, you have been more concerned about our sin than we have. Only you truly know how it robs us of life and separates us from the intimate fellowship that you desire with your people. And yet we know that your grace is greater than all our sin. What more could you have done for us than what you have done at the cross? Therefore, in humility and hope, we trust you to look upon us as we are--united to our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. For His sake, forgive us all our sins and offenses. Renew and refresh us again through the intercession of our Great High Priest. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your voice of comfort: "Blessed indeed are those whose sins are forgiven, whose iniquity is covered." For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. Psalm 130:3-4, 7

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 184

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(Tune: St. Columba, verses 4-6, verse 6 a cappella)

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 14:1-14

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato

"I AM THE WAY"

*Hymn of Response and Preparation SH No. 9

In Christ Alone

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. 181

We Come, O Christ, to You

*Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

The deacons invite you to support them in their work of meeting the needs of members of our congregation and the wider community who are experiencing hardship. You may leave your gift following worship in the Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. As you do this, the deacons want you to know that they are helping members and friends of Christ the King. For reasons of confidentiality, we do not publicize our efforts. But please know that your gifts are helping people! Many, many thanks!

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service