

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, January 21, 2018

The Christian Year: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 125:1-2

[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 65:1-5

Minister: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

People: O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

Minister: When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

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

*Hymn of Adoration No. 32

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(verse 3 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Blessed God: Happy in Yourself, source of happiness in your creatures, my Maker, Benefactor, Proprietor, Upholder. You have produced and sustained me, supported and cared for me, saved and kept me. You are in every situation able to meet my needs and miseries. May I live by you and live for you, and may I never be satisfied with my Christian progress but as I am conformed to the image of Christ. Keep me walking steadfastly towards the country of everlasting delights, that paradise land which is my true inheritance. In Jesus' name I come to you. Amen.

Adapted from "Divine Support" in The Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of Faith The Larger Catechism, Q. 75

Minister: What is sanctification?

People: Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of His Spirit applying the death and

resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.

Unison: 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!

The Psalter Reading (responsive reading, page 829) Psalm 119:1-24

*Hymn of Approach No. 518
Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Congregational Prayers

Unison: Our Father, we thank you for the Gospel! You have led us to embrace it, and you have given us a partnership in it. Thank you that you, who have begun this good work in us, will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. And so we pray that our love may abound yet more and more in all knowledge and discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

from Philippians 1:3-11

A Season of Prayer for the President, Congress and Supreme Court
and all elected officials

A Season of Prayer for the Sanctity of Life
For the Unborn
For the Aged
For the Infirm

A Season of Prayer for CareNet

Pastoral Prayer and Words of Assurance

Minister: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the Lord; exult before Him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. . . . Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. (Psalm 68:4-6, 19)

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 660

O God beyond All Praising

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*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!

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures John 15:1-8

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato

"I AM THE VINE"

*Hymn of Response No. 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service.