

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, January 28, 2018

The Christian Year: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power." (Hebrews 1:1-3a)

[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 96**

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

Minister: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: Let the field exult, and everything in it!

Minister: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for He comes,

Unison: For He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 119**

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God
(verse 3 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Most High God, The universe with all its myriad creatures is yours, made by your word, upheld by your power, governed by your will. But you are also the Father of mercies, the God of all grace, the bestower of all comfort, the protector of the saved. You have been mindful of us, have visited us, preserved us, given us a goodly heritage—the Holy Scriptures, the joyful gospel, the Savior of souls. We come to you in His name, making mention of His righteousness only, pleading His obedience and sufferings. Amen.

From "God Creator and Controller" in The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith** WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM, Q&A 2

Minister: How doth it appear that there is a God?

People: The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but his Word

and Spirit only do sufficiently and effectually reveal Him unto men for their salvation.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** **Tune: Hyfrydol**

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious; never shall His promise fail; God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;

Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify His name.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 148) **Psalm 119:89-112**

Hymn of Praise **Insert**

Across the Lands

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Oh God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that we may be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of You, fully pleasing You, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of You, our great God, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to You, our Father, who has 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, the forgiveness of sins. In His name we pray. Amen.

from Colossians 1

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created. . . through Him and for Him. . . And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

(Colossians 1:15-20)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 171**

Fairest Lord Jesus

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** **Psalm 19**

***The Prayer for Illumination**
Sermon Dr. Michael Allen

"FROM GOOD TO GREAT"

***Hymn of Response** **No. 122**

*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory
(verse 4 a cappella)*

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service