

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, May 27, 2018

The Christian Year: The First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

10:30 AM Morning Service

"The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!" Psalm 93

[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. 100**

Holy, Holy, Holy!
(verse 4 a cappella)

****Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

O Father, You have loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me. O Jesus, You have loved me and assumed my nature, shed Your own blood to wash away my sins, and achieved righteousness to cover my unworthiness. O Holy Spirit, You have loved me and entered my heart, implanted there eternal life, and revealed to me the glories of Jesus. Three persons and one God, I bless and praise You for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory. To You we offer unceasing praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

from "The Trinity" in The Valley of Vision

***Confession of Faith**

WESTMINISTER LARGER CONFSSION, 7-9

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere

present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Minister: Are there more Gods than one?

People: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Minister: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

People: There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.

***Gloria** **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. 794) **Psalm 29**

***Hymn of Response** **SH No. 2**

O Church, Arise!

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 Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

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, and Amjad and Sarah Mahand (London, England). I pray for the Church.

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. Please help 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 You.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of you, Lord, fill the earth through them.

Minister: May we 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.

(Psalm 116:1-2)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 107**

Praise Ye the Father!

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** **Acts 11**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"THE SHAPING OF THE CHURCH"

***Hymn of Praise** **No. 342**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.