

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, January 27, 2019

The Christian Year: the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

[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 16:5-11

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; in the night also my heart instructs me. 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. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

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.

*Hymn of Adoration SH No. 9

In Christ Alone

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O God of My Exodus: Great was the joy of Israel when Egypt died upon the shore. Far greater the joy when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust. Jesus strides forth as the victor, conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might. He bursts the bands of death, tramples the powers of darkness down, and lives forever. He, my gracious surety, apprehended for payment of my debt, comes forth from the prison house of the grave free, and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death. I praise you that in Christ I died, in him I rose, in his life I live, in his victory I triumph. His death is my life, his resurrection my peace, his ascension my hope, his prayers my comfort. In his name I come to you. Amen.

From "Resurrection" in The Valley of Vision

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 45

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

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!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 793) Psalm 27

Hymn of Praise No. 168

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(verse 5 a cappella)*

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: 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 Care Net, and Amjad and Sarah Mahand (London, England). I pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. I pray for the Church.

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened, and for the widows, orphans and prisoners – for those in any need or trouble.

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 the Lord fill the earth through them.

Minister: Father, may we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation No. 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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 Colossians 3:1-4

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"JESUS: THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

*Hymn of Praise No. 281

I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Glory, Hallelujah!

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service.

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