

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, February 24, 2019

The Christian Year: the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)*

[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 67:1-5

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 7

*From All That Dwell below the Skies
(verse 3 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

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! The grace that restores is necessary to preserve, lead, guard, supply, help me. And here your saints encourage my hope; they were once poor and are now rich, bound and are now free, tried and now are victorious. 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. Amen.

from "Grace Active" in The Valley of Vision

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, 30 and 31

Minister: Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

People: Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

Minister: Do those who seek their salvation or well-being in saints, in themselves, or anywhere else, also believe in the only Savior Jesus?

People: No. Though they boast of him in words, they in fact deny the only Savior Jesus. For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or those who by true faith accept this Savior must find in him all that is necessary for their salvation.

*Gloria Patri (Tune: 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. 835) Psalm 138

Hymn of Praise No. 3

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

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 leaders of our nation and all who hold authority, especially that they would resolve to protect the lives of the unborn and defenseless.

Minister: And Father, I ask that you would, through the advance of the gospel, bring true peace to people in China, North Korea, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya and other nations in need of true reformation and restoration. I pray for the comfort and protection of our brothers and sisters in these places as they offer the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ amid great danger and opposition.

People: Father, we pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 9**
In Christ Alone

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 4:2-6**

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"JESUS: THE WAY"

***Hymn of Response No. 447**
Christ for the World We Sing

*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.