

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, April 28, 2019

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. (Hebrews 4:8-9)

[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. 34**

The God of Abraham Praise

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

O LORD our LORD, this is your day, the heavenly ordinance of rest, the record of Jesus' resurrection, the seal of the sabbath to come, the day when saints militant and triumphant unite in endless song. We bless you for the throne of grace, that here free favor reigns; that open access to it is through the blood of Jesus; that the veil is torn aside and we can enter the holiest and find you ready to hear, waiting to be gracious, inviting us to pour out our needs, promising to give more than we ask or think. Give us in rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart. May our hearts be fast bound against worldly thoughts or cares. Flood our minds with peace beyond understanding. May our meditations be sweet, our acts of worship be life and joy, our hearts be more knit to Jesus. In his name we come to you. Amen.

Adapted from "The Lord's Day" in The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 103

Minister: What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

People: First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring

Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.

***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. 817) **Psalm 92**

***Hymn of Preparation** **No. 390**

Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray (verses 1-2)

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 your truth and in the world to come life everlasting.

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. We pray for 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 Him.

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, we pray that we may 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. . . . Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. (Psalm 116:1, 2, 5)

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all this is within me, bless his holy name!

***Hymn of Response** **No. 390**

Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray (verses 3-6)

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** **Genesis 2:1-3**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"SABBATH REST"

***Hymn of Praise** **No. 389**

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation 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.