

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, December 29, 2019

*The Christian Year: The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

10:30 AM Morning Service

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
II Corinthians 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 II Corinthians 8:9, Ephesians 1:3-8

Minister: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

People: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places

Minister: even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

People: In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Minister: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

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

\*Hymn of Adoration No. 217  
*All My Heart This Night Rejoices (verses 1-5)*

Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the same Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Praise be to God!

\*Gloria Tune: Regent Square  
Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.  
Consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, page 814) Psalm 85

\*Hymn of Response No. 181  
*We Come, O Christ, to You*

Congregational Prayers

Unison: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name, you will be in the midst of them: 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 age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, we pray for your Church that she may be revived.

People: We pray for all pastors and missionaries.

Minister: We pray for family, neighbors and friends who do not know Christ.

People: We pray for the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority.

Minister: We pray for any who are sick, bereaved, broken and burdened.

People: We pray for the children of our church, that all of the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in their lives.

Unison: And we pray, O Lord, for our church. Give us grace both to love and do all that you call us to.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: "But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 159  
*O Savior, Precious Savior*

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

\*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!

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

\*Reading of The Holy Scriptures John 1:14-18

\*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Mike Glodo  
"GRACE AND TRUTH: IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU THINK"

\*Hymn of Response SH No. 18  
*Prophets' Words Foretold a Savior*

\*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.