



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

April 27, 2014



ALLELUIA! HE IS OUR RISEN KING!

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray, perhaps including the following prayer, as you prepare for worship.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation:
Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body
may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "In Thee Is Gladness" Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Trio Sonata in G Major" Johann Adolph Haase
*Long Long Kang and Daniel Gilbert, violins
Gabriel C. Statom, harpsichord*

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael G. Stokke

✦HYMN OF TRIUMPH: No. 286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" . . REGENT SQUARE
stanzas 1-4

✦APOCALYPTIC READING: Revelation 1:12-20 Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)
Brandon G. Morrison (11:00)

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me,
and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,
and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man,
clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

**The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow.
His eyes were like a flame of fire,
his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace,
and his voice was like the roar of many waters.**

In his right hand he held seven stars,
from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword,
and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

**When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
But he laid his right hand on me, saying,
"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.**

I died, and behold I am alive forevermore,
and I have the keys of Death and Hades.
Write therefore the things that you have seen,
those that are and those that are to take place after this.

**As for the mystery of the seven stars
that you saw in my right hand,
and the seven golden lampstands,
the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches,
and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**We acclaim Your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

*Mary Eleanor Knight, born October 18, 2013, daughter of Grace and Ethan Knight
Harper Lexie Sorgenfrei, born September 25, 2013, daughter of Kim and Mark Sorgenfrei*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

ALLELUIA! HE IS OUR REDEEMING LORD!

CALL TO CONFESSION

CHORAL REFLECTION: “Nearer, Still Nearer” arr. Emily Lund
Text by Leila Naylor Morris (1862-1929)

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,
Draw me, my Savior, so precious Thou art.
Fold me, O fold me, close to Thy breast;
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
Naught as an offering to Jesus my King.
Only my sinful, my now contrite heart;
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,
Till safe in glory my anchor is cast,
Through endless ages, ever to be,
Nearer my Savior, nearer to Thee.

*Youth Choir
Julia Bellott, Soloist
Ginger Statom, Director*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" James Koerts
Text by Philip Bliss

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free.
I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.
I will sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.
I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth over sin, and death, and hell.
I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.
I will sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AUSTRIAN HYMN

**I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free.
I will tell the wondrous story how my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy, He ransom freely gave.
I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be.
I will sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Richard G. Cain

✦ GREETINGS

ALLELUIA! HE IS OUR STRONG SAVIOR!

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15). Yvonne K. Hardin

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING. Ephesians 6:10
(page 979 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Be Strong in the Lord* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠ CLOSING HYMN: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" KING'S WESTON



1. On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war,
 2. At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee;
 3. Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 4. Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king-doms rise and wane,
 5. On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore:
 on then, Chris-tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry:
 broth - ers, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;
 but the church of Je - sus con-stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph - song;



Christ the roy - al Mas - ter leads a - gainst the foe;
 hell's foun-da - tions quiv - er at the shout of praise;
 we are not di - vid - ed, all one bod - y we,
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that church pre - vail;
 glo - ry, laud and hon - or un - to Christ the King:



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go.
 bro - thers, lift your voic - es, loud your an - thems raise.
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 this through count - less a - ges men and an - gels sing.

♠ BENEDICTION

♠ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Christopher Pardini

♠ *Indicates congregation standing*

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We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.