



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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February 7, 2016  
8:15 a.m.



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

The fixed center of Christian worship is Jesus Christ our Lord. Our first hymn speaks of a seemingly weak figure — a Lamb, but this Lamb is seated on heaven’s throne. The hymn writer echoes the Apostle John who identifies Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world.

Although once slain, this Lamb now lives and reigns in heaven. All of the inhabitants of heaven lavish their praise upon Him. The Lamb’s sacrifice is the subject of their song and ours. For He was slaughtered to deliver us from eternal peril to eternal life (Rev. 5:6-14).

As we worship today, may the Lamb of God open the scroll of God’s Word so that we read and hear it profitably. Secondly, may the Lamb of God draw us and others to faith in Him as we lift Him up in praise. Psalm 40:3 declares that when we do so “many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.”

Therefore, it is only fitting for us to make much of the innocent, perfect, crucified, risen, reigning, and returning Lamb of God.

## EXULT IN THE LORD SUPREME

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Albert Travis  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

✦HYMN OF CORONATION: No. 295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” . . DIADEMATA

✦APOCALYPTIC READING: Select Verses from Revelation 4 and 5 . . James Young Smythe

They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,  
“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,

**to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”**

And when he had taken the scroll,  
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders  
fell down before the Lamb,

**each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense,  
which are the prayers of the saints.**

And they sang a new song, saying,

**“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,**

and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
**and they shall reign on the earth.”**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea,  
and all that is in them, saying,

**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave;  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save:  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high:  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SUBMIT TO THE LORD FULLY

A LITANY OF CONFESSION OF SIN

God our heavenly Father,  
Your Son offers us a truly beautiful life when He announces:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

**Yet we are rich in pride.**

“Blessed are those who mourn.”

**Yet we do not grieve over our sin.**

“Blessed are the meek.”

**Yet we insist upon and assert our own rights.**

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

**Yet we fill our lives with desires for other things.**

“Blessed are the merciful.”

**Yet we relate to others harshly and impatiently.**

“Blessed are the pure in heart.”

**Yet our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts and motives.**

“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

**Yet we are slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.**

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.”

**Yet our lives seldom challenge the ways, priorities  
and values of the world.**

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you  
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.”

**Yet we often blush to speak Your name,  
to make known that we are Yours.**

**Have mercy upon us for Jesus’ sake, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . David A. Bowen

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" . . . . . arr. Craig Curry

*Jesus loves me, He who died, heaven's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, He will stay close beside me all the way;  
If I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Gabriel C. Statom, piano*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . WYCLIFF

**Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.**

**O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

A PRAYER FOR OUR SCOUTS

### ABIDE IN THE LORD CONSTANTLY

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-17 . . . . . Stephan Ross Johnston  
*(page 901 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 *True Disciples* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT:  
No. 644 "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" . . . . . ST. LEONARDS

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace". . . . . Christopher Pardini

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778