



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

July 2, 2017
Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today we gather to worship our Savior who has revealed Himself as the light of the world. As this world's light, Jesus claims to be the divine Redeemer who rescues us from the dominion of darkness and brings us into His kingdom of light. Since we are those who have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light, let us gladly prepare to declare the excellencies and greatness of our Redeemer.

Hear the Lord's invitation so beautifully described by the Scottish hymn writer Horatius Bonar:

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.*

You are invited to pray and reflect on the following prayer to prepare for worship:

*Almighty God, whose Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world:
Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Spirit,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that He may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth.
We pray this for the glory of Your great name, Amen.*

REJOICE IN THE LIGHT

PRELUDE: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Michael Burkhardt
"Behold the Lamb of God" Larry Shackley
Samuel Metzger, organist and pianist

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy M. Johnson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" DIX



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
3. Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
Joy - less is the day's re-turn till Thy mer-cy's beams I see;
fill me, Ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
till they in-ward light im-part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis-play, shin-ing to the per-fect day.

✦PROPHETIC LESSON: Select verses from Isaiah. Bill Jorgensen (8:15)
Nate Mahrt (11:00)

O house of Jacob,
come let us walk in the light of the Lord. (2:5)

**he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (49:6)**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (60:1)

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you. (60:2)**

The sun shall be no more your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; (60:19a)

**but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory. (60:19b)**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIX

**Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

COME TO THE LIGHT

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Jesus, Light of the World,
have mercy upon us, Your people.
For we have too often walked in the darkness,
preferring the fleeting shadows of this world
to the radiant light of Your fellowship.
Please forgive us,
for we have allowed created things to displace You,
our blessed Creator, from Your rightful throne.
Receive us anew into the brightness of Your fellowship,
grant us the joy of Your salvation,
and move us to walk in the light of Your Word
that we may glorify You with satisfied hearts,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 170 “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADER’S HYMN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Give Me Jesus” arr. Moses Hogan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

Robert Sutton, tenor

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRUSADER’S HYMN

**All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

FOLLOW THE LIGHT

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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 1:1-11; 8:12
(page 886 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 *I AM the Light of the World* Dan G. Burns

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
No. 476 “The Light of the World Is Jesus” LIGHT OF THE WORLD

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Toccata” from *Suite Gothique* Léon Boëllmann

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778