



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

A church with its back against the wall fighting for survival needs a fresh encounter with the living Lord Jesus Christ. Our Apocalyptic reading (Revelation 1:12-18) explains why we are devoted to worshipping our risen King:

- **We hear His voice.** (1:10, 15)
God speaks to us as we hear His Word read and preached. Pray and ask the Lord to speak personally and powerfully to you in our corporate worship service.
- **We behold His beauty.** (1:12-16)
The Apostle John sees in a vision the glorified, exalted Jesus. As a result of his encounter, he falls prostrate on the ground. Pray for the Lord to open your eyes to behold and adore the living Christ... to receive a glimpse of the majesty and glory of the One who holds the church, the world, and you in His hands.
- **We feel His hand.** (1:17-18)
The risen Lord puts His "right hand" on a terrified John. The Lord's touch banishes fear from his heart. Pray for God's hand to be upon you and our church.

What happened to the Apostle John as a result of his worship encounter? He received a renewed capacity to persevere through tribulation (v. 9). He was liberated from paralyzing fear (v. 17). He received a fresh summons to serve Jesus and His church (vv. 11, 19). Our Lord stands ready to do the same for you!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Allegro" from *Concerto in A Minor* . . . Antonio Vivaldi; arr. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Have Thine Own Way Lord" arr. Diane Bish
Marian Shaffer, harp

CHORAL INTROIT: "Morning Has Broken" arr. John Rutter

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

*Women's Ensemble
Christy Young, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy M. Johnson

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" REGENT SQUARE

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,
and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

**saying, "Write what you see in a book
and send it to the seven churches,
to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum
and to Thyatira and to Sardis
and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."**

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.**

**Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King! Amen.**

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Jennie Brooks

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole armor, be Thou my true might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

✦DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:12-26
(page 909 in the 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)

HOMILY *Servant Leadership* George W. Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

✦INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten-free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦PROFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

**Gracious heavenly Father,
You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with grieving hearts
our slowness to learn of Him, our reluctance to take up the cross,
and our failure to follow Him.
Pardon us for the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of Your great call to sacrificially serve others,
and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.

*"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Reference page 420 in the Hymnal for music.*

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.**

*"Jesus Paid It All"ALL TO CHRIST
Reference page 308 in the Hymnal for music.*

**I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all."
*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*
Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.**

“Behold the Lamb” Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us — and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you — eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you — drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond — and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!
Reference page 246 in the Hymnal for music.

**Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

**When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

♠BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Allegro Giocoso” Denis Bédard

♠Indicates congregation standing

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