

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

October 22, 2017 Trinity Season



Preparation for Worship

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

Like the early Church, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us to equip us to fulfill Christ's commission. John Stott says, "Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the Lifegiver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christ-likeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead."

The original word for "Spirit" in the New Testament is also the word for breath and wind. Therefore, prepare your heart for worship by praying through this prayer:

Wind of God, blow far from us all dark despair, all deep distress, all faithless fears, all worldly anxieties, all selfish desires, all Satan's snares, and all false values.

Blow into us Your holy presence, Your living love,
Your healing touch, Your splendid courage,
Your mighty strength, Your perfect peace,
Your divine grace, Your life-giving repentance and Your boundless joy.
Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, and blow now!
Send times of refreshing from the presence of our Lord, Amen.

Adapted from Pamela Wilding, Prayers Encircling the World

COME, SPIRIT OF POWER

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". . Michael Burkhardt Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Chris Rice

Brad Jones, piano

Sing unto God all the heavens and earth, alleluia, clap your hands, Rejoice and sing a joyful song. Sing it loudly, sing it merrily, Sing it softly, sing with a beautiful melody.

Sing unto God all the heavens and earth, Alleluia, celebrate, and with a cheerful voice Sing alleluia, sing it from your heart. Make your life a song to God.

Listen to the rhythm, to the rhythm of creation, listen to the beat of life. Wake up to the wonder of a world in celebration, wake up to a world of light, And sing, children, sing alleluia, praise to the Lord above. Sing, children, sing alleluia, God is love.

Alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia!

The Children's Choir Christy Young, Director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP......Gerry A. Peak



*FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 7:37-39Shelley Hill (8:15)Will Stevens (11:00)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out,

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,

'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive,

for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Father, grant Your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today, Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us His sovereign way. Fill us with Your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; In us, through us, then, forever, shall Your perfect will be done. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)

Samuel McLean Crosby, born May 8, 2016, son of Mathilde and Mark Crosby Jackson Reid Winters, born April 6, 2017, son of Katie and Josh Winters

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?

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.

COME, WIND OF GOD

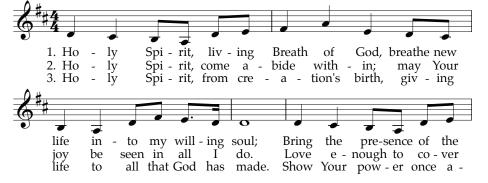
CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

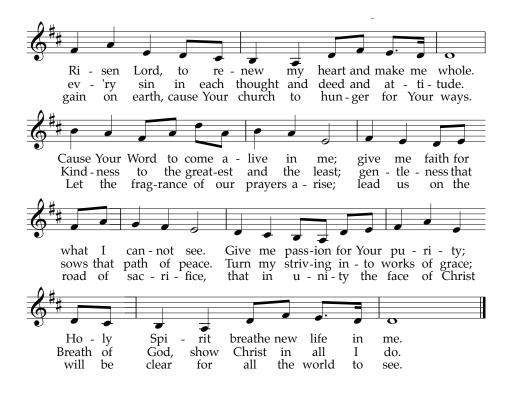
God, our heavenly Father, send the reviving wind of Your Spirit to blow away the dust of sin in our lives. Forgive our dullness in hearing and heeding Your Word; create in us open ears that listen intently to Your voice. Pardon our timidity in commending You to others. Create in us bold tongues to declare Your excellencies. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and grant us a willing spirit to serve You with gladness for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

 *HYMN OF THE SPIRIT: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"
 Keith Getty





OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O Be Joyful in the Lord".................. John Rutter

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

Serve the Lord with gladness,

And come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:

It is He that hath made us,

And not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,

And into His courts with praise:

Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,

And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end. Amen.

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Christy Young, Director

 DOXOLOGY
 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

COME, BREATH OF LIFE

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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.

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

The Majestic Testimony (Part 1)

George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

No. 341 "O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us" SPIRITUS VITAE stanzas 1, 3 and 5

†BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♦Indicates congregation standing

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