

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

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## A Word on Worship

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

There is a notable pattern to many of the worship encounters that we find in the Bible. For example, the prophet Isaiah's encounter with the great God of heaven in Isaiah 6 offers us a three-fold cycle for corporate worship: Praise-Pardon-Petition. This pattern serves as a broad structure to our worship services.

A vision of the one, true, living God leads us to awe and reverence as we declare "our God is mighty" and "worthy of all praising." This leads us to acknowledge our unworthiness and how we have not gladly submitted to His kingship. A true knowledge of God always leads to a true knowledge of ourselves. Therefore, we candidly and specifically confess our sins to the Lord and experience His pardoning grace found in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Experiencing His generosity moves us to become generous in offering all that we are and have to Him.

Then our service moves into a cycle employing the various resources that God uses to strengthen us spiritually. We turn to the Scriptures and devote ourselves to reading and preaching them. We give ourselves to intercessory prayer and to the sacraments so that we receive God's needed grace to live a life that pleases Him.

Our service concludes with a hymn of commitment where we renew our resolve to lead others to our Good Shepherd. Then, we receive the benediction as the Lord sends us forth to serve Him just as He sent the prophet Isaiah long ago (Isaiah 6:8).

## **EXALT OUR EVERLASTING KING**

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God"
INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Trio Sonata in C"
CHORAL INTROIT: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" Walter Pelz Text by George Herbert
Let all the world in every corner sing: "My God and King!"
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN OF MISSION: No. 454 "Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising" VIOLA
PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 96:1-10

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

#### ♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . . . .

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Declare His glory among the nations; Through all creation His triumph sing, Till all earth's peoples bow in adoration And Jesus Christ be everlasting King.

**†PRAYER OF ADORATION** 

## Approach Our Merciful King

CHORAL MEDITATION: "How Can I Keep from Singing" ...... arr. Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soil; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing, When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and mighty Father,

we magnify You for sending Your Son as our everlasting King, who subdues, rules and defends us against all of His enemies. Pardon us for the ways that we continue to resist His rule and allow the false values, priorities, and commitments of this world to dictate and drive our lives.

We have attempted to make ourselves kings and have found only shame, bondage and despair. We plead for Your forgiveness, because a sinless Savior died and rose again for us. We make our prayer in His matchless name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

#### **†HYMN OF ASSURANCE:**



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS......L. Brett Wynne

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"....arr. Mack Wilberg
Text from Psalm 23

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways, And leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; Oh, may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; No more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.



(page 896 in pew Bible)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 447 "Christ for the World We Sing" . . . ITALIAN HYMN

**†BENEDICTION** 

**†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN** 

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final from Symphony No. 1" ...... Louis Vierne

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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