

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, January 21, 2024
10:30 AM Morning Service

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

*"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."
Isaiah 49:13-16a*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Revelation 4:11; 5:12-13

Minister: Worthy are you, our Lord and God,

People: to receive glory and honor and power,

Minister: for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Unison: Come, let us sing praise to our God!

*Hymn of Adoration: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (No. 100)

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity: The heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches; the universe is your temple. Your presence fills immensity, yet you have of your pleasure created life and communicated happiness. You have made me what I am and given me what I have. In you I live and move and have my being. Your providence has set the bounds of my habitation and wisely administers all my affairs. I thank you for your riches to me in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word, where I behold his person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection. I come to you in his all-prevailing name. Amen. (adapted from "God the Source of All Good" in *The Valley of Vision*)

***Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Larger Confession, 7**

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

***Gloria Patri (Tune: Ode to Joy)**

**Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!**

The Psalter Reading: Psalm 139

Minister: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Minister: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

Minister: You hem me in— behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Minister: Where can I go from your Spirit?

People: Where can I flee from your presence?

Minister: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

People: if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Minister: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

People: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Minister: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

People: even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Minister: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Minister: your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

People: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

Minister: When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

People: All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Minister: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the sum of them!

Minister: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

People: When I awake, I am still with you.

Minister: If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

People: They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

Minister: Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord, and abhor those who rise up against you?

People: I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

People: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

***Hymn of Approach: "All That I Am I Owe to Thee" (No. 37, Tune: St Agnes)**

1 All that I am I owe to thee;
thy wisdom, Lord, has fashioned me.
I give my Maker thankful praise,
whose wondrous works my soul amaze.

2 Ere into being I was brought,
thine eye did see, and in thy thought
my life in all its perfect plan
was ordered ere my days began.

3 Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold,
more precious unto me than gold!

I muse on their infinity,
awaking I am still with thee.

4 The wicked thou wilt surely slay;
from me let sinners turn away.
They speak against the name divine;
I count God's enemies as mine.

5 Search me, O God, my heart discern;
try me, my inmost thought to learn;
and lead me, if in sin I stray,
to choose the everlasting way.

Congregational Prayers

Unison: Our Father, we thank you for the Gospel! You have led us to embrace it, and you have given us a partnership in it. Thank you that you, who have begun this good work in us, will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. And so we pray that our love may abound yet more and more in all knowledge and discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

from Philippians 1:3-11

A Season of Prayer for the President, Congress and Supreme Court and all elected officials

A Season of Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

For the Unborn

For the Aged

For the Infirm

A Season of Prayer for Care Net

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

(Ephesians 6:10-12)

*Hymn of Response: "O Church, Arise" (SH No. 2)

1 O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are
strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

2 Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the
wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He
died,
An inheritance of nations.

3 Come see the cross, where love and mercy
meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His
feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

4 So Spirit, come put strength in every
stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Rev. Mike Osborne

***Hymn of Response: "From All That Dwell below the Skies" (No. 7)**

1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

2 In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

3 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to
shore
till suns rise and set no more.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

**If you would like someone to pray with you,
an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary
following the service.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Soup & Salad Lunch**

You're invited to join us for a soup and salad luncheon following worship service on February 4. There is no cost for the meal; the congregation is asked to bring a salad or dessert, enough to feed 8 people. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or online at www.ctkvb.org. Bring your friends!

➤ **2024 Bible Reading Plan**

It's not too late to join us in reading through the Bible in 2024. Copies of the reading plan are available in the narthex.

➤ **Women's Bible Study**

All women of the church are invited to come to Bible Study, beginning January 25 and ending March 28. We will be studying *Better* by Jen Wilkin. In this study of Hebrews, we will learn how Christ is the substance of the shadowy truths of the Old Testament, especially Exodus, which we just finished. Discover how he fulfills and completes the work of angels, prophets, priests, and ceremonial laws, establishing a better covenant. Hebrews calls us to fix our gaze on the resurrected Christ as we run the race set before us. In Him alone we have hope and salvation.

Study books may be found on the book table for \$15 each. You may deposit cash or a check in the book box and sign your name to the signup sheet, also found on the book table. Please complete Lesson One prior to the first session. Thanks! Bring a friend or two!

➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

Men's Fellowship Time is every **Wednesday at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.

➤ **Support Care Net**

January is Sanctity of Life Month. To show our support of Care Net during this month, we are collecting diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6) and baby wipes. There is a pack-n-play in the narthex that will remain throughout the month of January for your donations. Care Net runs out of diapers almost every month, so our help with this makes a big difference!