

SEPTEMBER 2, 2001

Order for the Worship of God

September 2, 2001

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation for Worship "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Bish

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God!"

People: **"Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;**

Minister: "The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;

People: **"For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Isaiah 40.3-5

***Hymn of Adoration No. 5** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

"Wondrous King, All-Glorious"

WUNDERBARER KONIG

(please see insert)

***Confession of Faith**

Larger Catechism, Question 45

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

People: **Christ executes the office of a king in calling out of the world a people to Himself, and giving them officers, laws and censures, by which He visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon His elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for His own glory and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest who know not God and obey not the gospel.**

***A Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

My God, my King, Your glorious praise
Shall fill the remnant of our days!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vast and unsearchable Your ways,

Vast and immortal be Your praise!

O praise Him, O praise Him.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Public Confession

Eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We are unclean before You. We continually transgress Your commandments, failing to do what You have commanded us and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned to our own way. We are heartily sorry for all our sins. Deliver our eyes from blindness and our hearts from all willful rebellion through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer	The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30
	The Rev. Elliott Greene 11:00

Musical Offering	"Lord Most Holy"	Amy Foster/Niles Borop
<i>Lord, most holy, fount of grace, joy of heaven, fill this place; grant this blessing from above, come, sweet Spirit, Thou art loved, Lord, most holy. Lord, most holy, ever near, pilgrim seeker, find us here. Make Thy dwelling in our hearts; grant a glimpse of who Thou art. There is none above Thee, there is none beside Thee; make Thy presence known to Thy servants below. Lord most holy, stir our faith; quench this thirst to seek Thy face. Hear us as we humbly call; pour Thy life stream on us all. Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord! Holy is our God! He who always liveth evermore the same, heav'n and earth He ruleth; come and praise His name. Joy of heaven, grant this blessing from above, come, sweet Spirit, Thou art loved.</i>		

***The Greeting of Peace**

Leader:	Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always.	Colossians 3.15
People:	And also with you.	

The Service of Friendship

If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

Extending the Kingdom: West Dallas Fellowship	Evan Baker 9:30
	Anne Mullen 11:00

*The Scripture Reading	Matthew 3.1-15	Mr. Joel Robuck Session Elder
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The Morning Sermon "Kingdom Judgment-II" Dr. Ryan
"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who...will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Matthew 3.11

***Closing Hymn** "The Lord Our King Shall Come" ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR
text: Henry Alford, 1844

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our King shall come and shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away.
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His Kingdom evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Your final harvest home,
Gather all Your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified, in Your Kingdom to abide.
Come, with all Your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

***Benediction**

Minister: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power
and strength be to our God and King for ever and ever!

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!**

Postlude "Symphony No. 2: Allegro" Louis Vierne

*Do you have a question about PCPC or want to find a Sunday School Community?
Following each service, please come to the Information Center located in the south
hallway of the building adjacent to the sanctuary. "Ask Me" volunteers are also
available at every entrance to assist you.*

*The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in
memory of our beloved husband and father, B. Welby Alexander Billings, and with
great thanksgiving for the members of this church who have sustained us after B.'s
homegoing August 25, 2000, by Laura Beth, Sarah Caroline and Benjamin Billings.*

*The flowers in the south foyer are given to the glory of God from the wedding
of Lillian Elisabeth Keyes and Matthew Joseph Merfeld in celebration
of their marriage and union in Christ.*

***The Congregation stands.**

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of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord,
Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.