

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 11, 2005 8:00, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

*The Christian Year: Seventeenth 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.*

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*Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.*

**Welcome**

The Rev. Mark Davis

**Preparation for Worship**

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

**Minister:** Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.

**People:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**  
Revelation 4.11, 5.12

**\*Hymn of Adoration**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

*DUKE STREET*

text: Isaac Watts, 1719; based on Psalm 72

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Dr. Ryan

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*LAUDES DOMINI*

text: German, 1800; Tr. by Edward Caswell, 1853

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries;  
May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised. Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song,  
Through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

*Please be seated.*

**Public Confession**

O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, be the God of Your people today! We confess that we have worshipped all too many other gods. We have devoted ourselves to all too many different values. Turn our hearts to You again! We confess that we have visited all too many sanctuaries. We have tried to find the sources of life in all too many other places. We have made idols of our occupations, our recreations, and our homes. We turn to You, and to You alone, to be our God, our only God. Give us spiritual integrity. Give us wholeness and holiness. Answer us, O Lord, answer us, that we be in truth Your people. All honor and power be to You, O Christ, forever and ever.

**Private Confession**

**Song of Praise**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*Stuart Townend*

I will not boast in anything, no gifts no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

**Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5.1

**The Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30/11:00

**Ministry for Hurricane Relief Update (9:30/11:00)**

Lisa and Dennis Roossien

**Musical Offering** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Great Is the Lord"  
Charlotte Ball, *Soprano*; Colin Howland, *Piano*

*arr. Berquist*

**\*The Scripture Reading**

Colossians 1.15-20

**He is the image of the invisible God,**

The *firstborn* of all creation.

For by Him all things were created,

In heaven and on earth,

Visible and invisible,

Whether thrones or dominions

Or rulers or authorities –

All things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things,

And in Him, all things hold together.

**And He is the head of the body, the church.**

He is the beginning, the *firstborn* from the dead,

That in everything, He might be preeminent.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,

Whether on earth or in heaven,

Making peace by the blood of His cross.

**The Morning Sermon**

HIDDEN IN CHRIST  
"Firstborn"

Dr. Ryan

**A Time of Silence**

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue on page 7 ☞

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Dr. Deison

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,  
Everlasting God.

**People:** Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:

*Please Stand.*

*(all singing)*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Please be seated.*

**The Words of Institution**

Dr. Deison

**The Communion**

*Please hold the bread and cup, and we will all partake together.*

## Hymns During the Serving of Communion

*During the bread, please sing*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*HAMBURG*  
text: Isaac Watts, 1707

*During the cup, please sing*

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

*MARTYRDOM*  
text: Isaac Watts, 1707

*(You may dispose of your cup at the doorways as you leave.)*

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00 continue here ☞

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Praise Be to Christ"

SAGINA  
text: Timothy Dudley-Smith

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians. 2:16-17

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

*\*The Congregation stands.*

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