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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026, at 10:30



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

The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.

Welcome

Prelude

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

AGINCOURT HYMN

*O, love, how deep, how broad, how high! How passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!*

*For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.*

Worship is a dialogue. God speaks to us in the Call to Worship and we respond in prayer and praise.

Call to Worship

From Psalm 96

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

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

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Minister: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation
Hymn A

'Round the Throne in Radiant Glory
QADOSH

"Through [Christ] let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Esther 6:1-13
Pew Bible, page 412

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture" (1 Timothy 4:13).

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. You have graciously gathered us together like lambs. Your rod and staff have comforted us. You have caused us to lie down in green pastures beside still waters and have defended us from more and greater dangers than we know. But we have ignored your voice and distrusted your provision. We buck and bite and kick and have pushed others aside. Forgive us for our stiff necks, stubborn ways, and selfish attitudes, and lead us in paths of righteousness for Christ, our Good Shepherd's, namesake. Amen.

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Psalm 103

Minister: The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Pastoral Prayer



† Hymn of Proclamation

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #286

REGENT SQUARE

† Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Patrick Doyle



Glo - ry be to thee our Fa - ther, Glo-ry
be to Je - sus Christ His Son, Glo-ry be to thee, Oh
Ho - ly Ghost, the bles - sed three in one! As it
was in the be - gin - ing, is now and e - ver
shall be; for - e - ver - more, world with - out end. A -
men, A - men A - men.

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

† New Testament Lesson

Acts 25:1-27

Pew Bible, page 934

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Berger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul Appeals to Caesar

It is the duty of all who hear God's word preached to listen carefully and prayerfully, and to receive the truth with humility.



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #689

Make Me a Captive, Lord

Words and Music by George Matheson

Alt. Tune: LEOMINSTER

"But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Corinthians 8:7).

Giving to God and Offertory

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

Words by John Chandler

Tune: BRADFORD

Based on Music by George Frederick Handel

*O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire, redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art thou, its Savior and its King.*

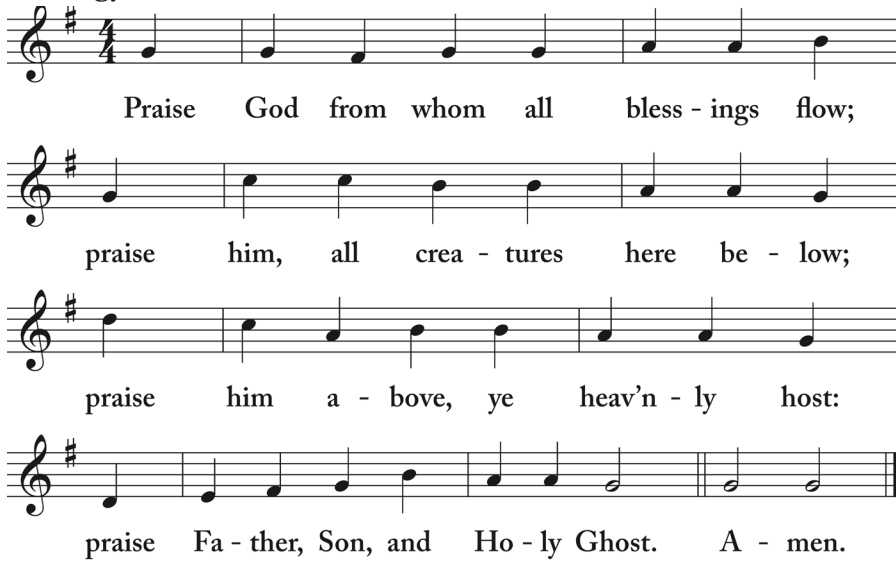
*How vast the mercy and the love which laid our sins on thee,
And led thee to a cruel death, to set thy people free.*

*But now the bands of death are burst, the ransom has been paid;
And thou art on thy Father's throne, in glorious robes arrayed.*

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† Doxology

TALLIS' CANON



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

In this Prayer of Dedication, the minister asks God to use the gifts of his people for the advancement of his kingdom and the praise of his glory.

† **Sending Forth Hymn** Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness
Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #727 LEAD ME, LORD

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

'Round the Throne in Radiant Glory

In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb." Rev. 5:12



1. 'Round the throne in rad - iant glo - ry all cre - a - tion loud - ly sings
2. God a - lone is wor - thy, wor - thy, mak - er of the earth and sky;
3. Christ, the Lamb, is wor - thy, wor - thy— let the an - them loud - ly swell—
4. All cre - a - tion joins in prais - ing Christ, the Sav - ior of our race,
5. Prais - es be to God the Fa - ther and to Je - sus Christ, the Lamb;



praise to God, to God al - might - y— day and night the an - them rings:
glo - ry, hon - or, pow - er, bles - sing be to him who reigns on high:
Je - sus died for sin on Cal - v'ry, res - cued us from death and hell:
drawn from ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion, peo - ple, lan - guage, time and place:
glo - ry, hon - or, pow - er, bles - sing— songs of an - gels joined by man:



“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God the King of kings.”
“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is Je - ho - vah, A - do - nai.”
“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God, Im - man - u - el.”
“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God, the God of grace.”
“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God, the great ‘I AM’.”



Worship Christ, the Risen King!

He is not here; he is risen, just as he said. Matt. 28:6



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;



Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 But the truth proclaims a wonderful thought: faithful hearts receive with cheer.
 Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.



Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

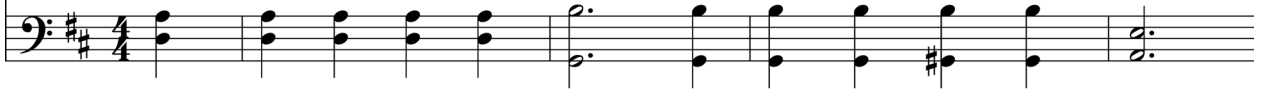


Make Me a Captive, Lord

Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matt. 10:39



1. Make me a cap - tive, Lord, and then I shall be free;
2. My heart is weak and poor un - til it mast - er find;
3. My pow'r is faint and low till I have learned to serve;
4. My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;



force me to ren - der up my sword, and I shall con - qu'ror be;
it has no spring of ac - tion sure— it var - ies with the wind;
it wants the need - ed fire to glow, it wants the breeze to nerve;
if it would reach the mon - arch's throne, it must its crown re - sign:



I sink in life's a - larms when by my - self I stand;
it can - not free - ly move till thou hast wrought its chain;
it can - not drive the world un - til it - self be driv'n;
it on - ly stands un - bent, a - mid the clash - ing strife,



im - pris - on me with - in thine arms, and stong shall be my hand.
 en - slave it with thy match - less love, and death - less it shall reign.
 its flag can on - ly be un - furled when thou shalt breathe from heav'n.
 when on thy bo - som it has leaned, and found in thee its life.

Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness. Ps. 5:8

1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way
2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru-ly how to live, that I may

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.
glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

St. 1, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

St. 2, George F. Strickling

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LEAD ME, LORD 10.8
Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:*Paul Appeals to Caesar*

Acts 25:1-27 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: To avoid another plot against his life (Acts 25:1-5), Paul appeals to Caesar (25:6-12) and is both privately and publicly proclaimed innocent of any charges deserving death (25:13-27). All of this happens according to the plan of God and the promise of Christ who assured Paul saying “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome” (23:11).

i. Another plot against Paul (25:1-5)

ii. Paul appeals to Caesar (25:6-12)

iii. Paul is proclaimed innocent (25:13-27)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- **Sunday, April 12** Proverbs 30 • 1 Timothy 1
- **Monday, April 13** Proverbs 31 • 1 Timothy 2
- **Tuesday, April 14** Ecclesiastes 1 • 1 Timothy 3
- **Wednesday, April 15** Ecclesiastes 2 • 1 Timothy 4
- **Thursday, April 16** Ecclesiastes 3 • 1 Timothy 5
- **Friday, April 17** Ecclesiastes 4 • 1 Timothy 6
- **Saturday, April 18** Ecclesiastes 5 • 2 Timothy 1
- **Sunday, April 19** Ecclesiastes 6 • 2 Timothy 2

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

1. How does Acts 25 contribute to the overall story Luke narrates in the book of Acts?
2. What can we learn from Paul's example in Acts 25, including his appeal to Caesar?
3. Why is it important to notice the way Festus' public proclamation of Paul's innocence in Acts 25:25 echoes Pilate's public proclamation of Christ's innocence in Luke 23:4, 14-15, 22? What does this teach us?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

“But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness...” (Acts 26:16)

ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP

Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.

Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.

Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: Why are we asked to kneel at various times in worship?

Answer: Body language is powerful, and God’s Word frequently commands us to use our bodies to communicate the disposition of our hearts in worship. “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!” (Psalm 95:6, 63:4, 150:5; 1 Timothy 2:8).

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,
for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives
in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel
to the ends of the earth

Children's Ministry that partners with parents to build children up in the
faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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