

9:00 service + May 28, 2017 + Ascension Sunday



# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

### Introduction

Acts 1:3-11; 2:33-36 (pew Bible pp. 909; 910)

Text: Revelation 5:6-14

#### Introit

#### Hark How the Adoring Hosts Above

Chancel Choir Music: LYNGHAM, Scottish psalter

Hark how th' adoring hosts above with songs surround the throne. ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their hearts are one!

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, to be exalted thus.

"Worthy the Lamb" let us reply, for he was slain for us!

Thou hast redeem'd us by his blood and set the prisoners free. Thou made us kings and priests to God, and we shall reign with thee!

To him who sits upon the throne, the God whom we adore, and to the Lamb that once was slain, be glory evermore!

STANDING (IF ABLE)

All:

# God calls us to worship

from Psalm 47:5-9

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who ascended and reigns at the right hand of God the Father.

Liturgist: God has ascended with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Liturgist: For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

All: God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne;

He is highly exalted!

### We praise God



## We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

# We greet one another with the peace of Christ

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### God calls us to confess our sin

from Psalm 24:3-4; James 4:7-8, 10

Liturgist: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false.

Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1 and 2 and chorus of "Come, O Redeemer, Come" (facing page)

All: God of mercy,

you have called us into your mission in our city to bring good news to the poor and vulnerable,

to bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and to build a culture of justice and peace.

But we confess that we are more apathetic than active,

more isolated than involved, more callous than compassionate, more obstinate than obedient. Lord, have mercy on us.

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(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Forgive us for contentment with injustice

and forsaking the full mission of your kingdom.

Strengthen us by your Spirit

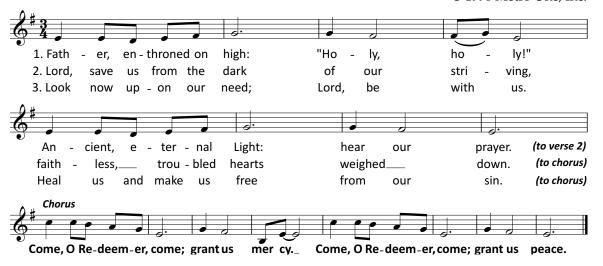
to lament for our city and to seek its flourishing, showing mercy as we have received mercy, comforting as we have been comforted,

and loving justice as you love justice.

All (sing): stanza 3 and chorus of "Come, O Redeemer, Come" (below)



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STANDING (IF ABLE)

# God declares our forgiveness

from Ephesians 2:4-7

Liturgist:

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

#### All: Hallelujah, Amen!

### We praise God



#### At the Name of Jesus

Chancel Choir

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight: all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came. Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last; brought it back victorious when from death he passed;

bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast, filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him, with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder and with bated breath.

He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign, for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again with his Father's glory, with his angel train, for all the wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our heart confess him King of glory now.

# God instructs us in scripture reading

Isaiah 61, Luke 4:16-30 (pew Bible pp. 620-621; 859-860)

Text: Caroline M. Noel

Music: R. Vaughan Williams

God instructs us in preaching

"How God Renovates a City" Rev. Dr. Greg Perry

### We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.



STANDING (IF ABLE)

# We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

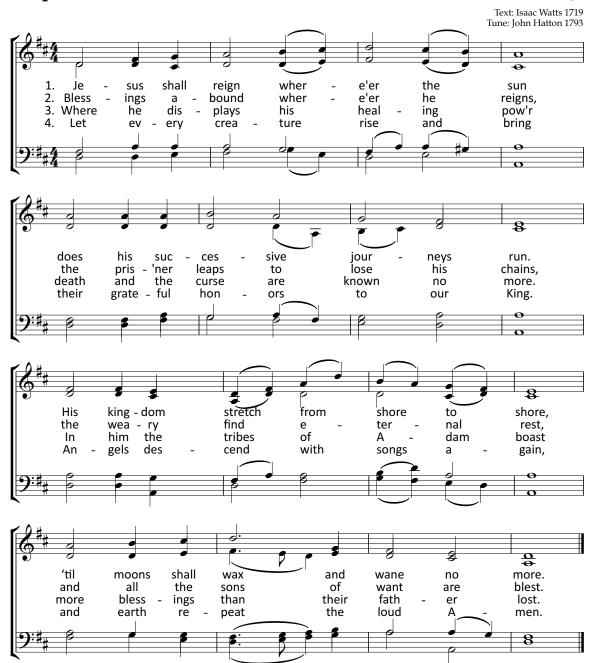
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.



#### God blesses us and sends us out

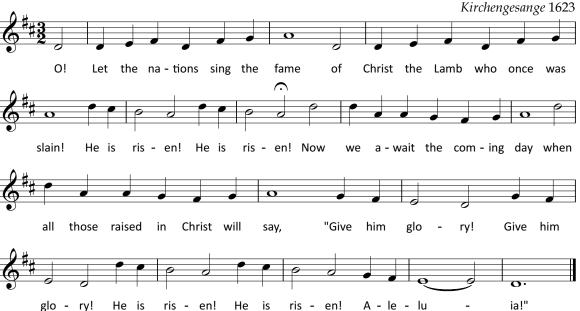
Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: Hallelujah! Amen.



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### Postlude

Fanfare and Chorale on God of Our Fathers

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