



9:00 service + May 27, 2018



Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: follow, disciple, self-denial

Prelude

Nimrod from Enigma Variations

E. Elgar

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

Psalm 100

Text: Unknown

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

We praise God

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymnal #267 Tune: Felice de Giardini 1716-1796

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 sins

from Mark 8:34; 1 John 1:6, 9

Liturgist: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross

and follow me." If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us

our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Sovereign Lord,

you have called us to follow you with faith and hope wherever you lead us.

All: But when the day of testing comes,

we often fail to follow when you call. We may not hear your call to follow

because we listen more closely to media than to you.

We may fear your call to follow

because we do not trust your power to protect us.

We may doubt your call to follow

because we ignore or forget the truth we know from your word.

We may reject your call to follow

because we do not believe that you are the greatest good.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Sovereign Lord, forgive us for failing to deny ourselves and follow your call

and for all the excuses we make to ourselves and others.

Fix our eyes firmly on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

and fill us with the Spirit of Christ

so that we will forsake all that hinders us from following you

and find eternal life and joy with you.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from 1 John 4:9; 1 Peter 2:24

Text: Reginald Herber 1783-1826

Tune: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-1876

Liturgist:

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal #262

Magnificat from Belfast Evening Canticles

Philip Stopford

Chancel Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed, for he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, hath helped his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

God instructs us in scripture reading

John 17:26 (pew Bible p. 903)

God instructs us in preaching

"The Church Is a Discipled People" Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

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

Though the World and Many Idols

Text: Gina Tuck 2010, © 2010 Gina Tuck Tune: Sherdonna Denholm 2010,



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.

Text: Ancient Irish poem c. 700; tr. Mary E. Byrne 1905

Tune: Traditional Irish tune, arr. David Evans 1927

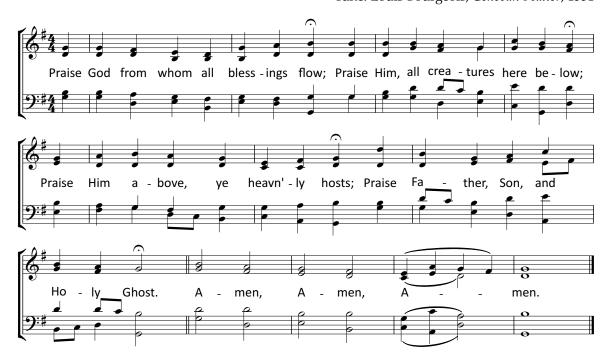


God blesses us and sends us out

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

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken 1709 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



Postlude

God of Our Fathers

George WilliamWarren Arr. Richard Unfreid

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