

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION & WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 11, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

Nursery is provided for children aged three and under. The Cry Room located off the foyer is available at any time during worship for nursing mothers and moms with young children. A simultaneous broadcast of the service is provided in the room. Children aged four and older remain in the worship service on Communion Sunday.

The sounding of the bells is the call for meditation and prayer as we prepare to worship our holy God.

WELCOME

Please silence your phones and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

“FLOWER DUET”

Delibes from Lakmé; Arr. by John A. Dempsey

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 113

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

People: *Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!*

Minister: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

People: *Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?*

Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

People: *He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.*

Minister: Praise the LORD!

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION #311

“HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED”



AURELIA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Minister and People: *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.*

*NEW TESTAMENT READING *Pew Bible, pages 911& 912*

ACTS 2:42-47 & 4:32-37

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

RENEWING OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question #103

Minister: What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

People: *First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.*

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Pew Bible, page 158*

DEUTERONOMY 15:1-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

REV. JUSTIN BORGER

He Is Your Life:

“OPEN WIDE YOUR HAND”

Big Idea: The gospel proclaims “good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18), and creates a community where debts are canceled and needs are met.

1. The cancelation of debts (15:1-6)

2. The care of the poor (15:7-11)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The congregation is invited to kneel through the Pronouncement of Forgiveness.

Minister and People: *Lord of grace and truth, You command us to have no other gods before You. But we have run after idols. You command us to worship according to your Word. But we have worshiped according to our own preferences. You command us to hallow your name. But we have dishonored it. You command us to keep the Sabbath holy. But we have treated it like any other day. You command us to honor our father and mother. But we have dishonored and disobeyed those in authority. You command us to preserve life. But we have committed murder in our hearts. You command us not to commit adultery. But we have been unfaithful. You command us not to steal. But we have taken what does not belong to us. You command us not to bear false witness. But we have slandered our neighbor. You command us not to covet. But we have been discontent. You tell us that if we love You we will keep your commandments. But we have not loved You or kept your commandments. And so, we humbly repent and ask You to forgive us. Help us to love You out of the great love with which You have first loved us through your faithful and beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

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.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

RESPONDING IN THANKS

GIVING TO GOD & VOCAL OFFERTORY

“NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH”

Text by John M. C. Crum
Noel Nouvelet; Traditional French Melody

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*DOXOLOGY

"DOXOLOGY II"

Traditional Text; Musical Setting: Ronald Owen

Andante $\text{♩} = 66 - 69$

unis. *mf*

1 2 3 4

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all

5 6 7 8

creatures here below. Praise Him above you heavenly hosts. Praise to the

9 10 11

Fa - ther, praise to the Son, and the Ho - ly Ghost. A -

12 13 14 15

men. A - men. A - men.

*CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

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

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: *It is good and right so to do!*

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because You gave your only Son to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Countless throngs of angels stand before You to serve You night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer You unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim You, and glorify your name as we sing,

*SANCTUS

“SANCTUS I”

Traditional Text; Musical Setting: Ronald Owen

2 3 4 5 6 7

8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho ly... Ho-ly is the Lord. Heav'n and earth are
full_ of your Glo-ry God most High!_ Bless'd is He that com eth_ in the name of the
Lord... Ho - san - na in the high_ est! Ho - san - na e - ver- more_ Ho -
san - na ev - er - more_ Most Ho - ly is the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The congregation is invited to kneel.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

Unison: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

The elements will be served by the elders/deacons. Please refrain from partaking of the elements until everyone has been served.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed.

Hymn #230 “Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”

Hymn #305 “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

PRAYER OF THANKS

Minister and People: *Gracious God, You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN

Verses 1 & 4

“O GOD, YOUR JUDGMENTS GIVE THE KING”

Alt Tune: KINGSFOLD

O God, your judgments give the King, his son your righteousness;
with right he shall your people judge, your poor with uprightness.
And then the mountains shall bring forth to all the people peace;
The hills because of righteousness their blessing shall increase.

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity.
The whole earth let his glory fill; amen, so let it be.

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

People: *Thanks be to God!*

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

“I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY”

KINGSFOLD

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

Since the early days of the Church, the observance of Holy Communion has been accompanied by the giving of offerings for the poor. Today's deacons' offering will go to help those in need.

In our worship service this morning, Rev. Justin Borger will be ministering in the pulpit and Dr. Nicholas Reid will be assisting. Leading us in musical praise is Gail Mininger, organist; Sarah Birx, pianist; Tamia Dawkins, clarinetist; Susan Newman, handbell ringer, Eric Diaz and Fernando Tirado, violinists; and Miriam Sarver, cellist; all under the direction of our Director of Music, Ronald Owen. Leading congregational singing are Erin Beute, Hannah Pacchioli, Alicia VanDerhoof, and Valerie VanDerhoof.

Welcome Visitors! If you are visiting St. Paul's today, we are so glad you have joined us for worship! We would love to get to know you. Email staff@stpaulpca.org to let us know your name, contact information, how you heard about St. Paul's, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or ushers.

* Congregation standing

✠ Additional worshipers seated

HYMN #311

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever—that Name to us is Love.

James Montgomery, 1828
AURELIA

HYMN #230

THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becomes poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.

Frank Houghton, 1894-1972
QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

HYMN #305

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice
in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,
for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love,
his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers,
they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled;
his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Charles Wesley, 1742
LENOX

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