

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 1, 2019

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

"Gloria Patri"

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*

***The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Call to Confession

Psalms 139:23-24

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Public Confession

All: O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in your appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down, your righteousness exalts us to your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in you plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear your assuring voice; that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you were made to be sin for us that we might be righteous in you, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your concealing blood. Keep us always clinging to your cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In your merciful name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:6-8

Minister: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Advent Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "The Work of Christmas"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Show Us the Father"

John 14:7-11

Rev. Richard Harris

The Service 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 our God.

All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Closing Song | "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Benediction

Postlude