

Order for the Public Worship of God

LORD’S DAY – December 20, 2020 at 10:30 am

“All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.”

Psalm 138:4-5

Welcome & announcements

Prelude (Silent prayer and heart preparation for worship)

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” ... #208

*Prayer of Adoration & the Lord’s Prayer

“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”

Responsive Reading (p.521) **Psalm 138**

Prayer of Confession of Sin **James 1:13-15**

“Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

Assurance of Pardon **Luke 2:10-11**

“And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Lighting of the Advent Candle Richard family

*Hymn of Preparation

“As with Gladness Men of Old” ... #226

Morning Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering (Offering boxes in front)

Hymn “The Power of the Cross”

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then,
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. **Chorus**

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath,
Quakes as its maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life,
Finished the vict'ry cry. **Chorus**

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live;
Won through Your selfless love.

Chorus 2: This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God slain for us;
What a love what a cost, We stand forgiven at the cross.

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*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Message and Children’s Church

Reading of God’s Word (p.944) **Romans 8:32**

Preaching of God’s Word ... **Rev. Dean Rydbeck**

God’s Most Gracious Gift: A Sure Salvation

Hymn “As with Gladness, Men of Old” ... #226

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation and Words of Institution
Serving of the bread and the cup
Partaking of the bread and the cup

*Closing Hymn

“What Child Is This” ... #213

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary

*Benediction

(*Congregation standing, as you are able)

Sermon Notes