

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## The Baptism of Christ (1st Sunday after Epiphany)

Lord's Day Jan. 13th, 2019

† *Those who are able please rise.*

∫ *Those who are able please kneel.*

# PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is in his ho - ly tem - ple, the Lord is in his ho - ly

tem - ple; let all the earth keep si - lence, let all the earth keep

si - lence be - fore him, keep si - lence, keep si - lence be - fore him.

(from Hab. 2:20)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

# ∫ SILENT CONFESSION

## ∫ CORPORATE CONFESSION

Minister: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps  
covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and  
keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and  
acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your  
commandments and rules.

*Congregation: O LORD, we have sinned against You.*

Minister: We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our rulers, our leaders, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as it is today, to all the Israel of God, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which

You have driven them, because of the treachery that we have committed against You. To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our rulers, to our leaders, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

*Congregation: O LORD, we have sinned against You.*

Minister: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. All the Israel of God has transgressed Your law and turned aside, refusing to obey Your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against Him. He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against His people. As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by Your truth. Therefore the LORD has kept ready calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that He has done, and we have not obeyed his voice.

*Congregation: O LORD, we have sinned against You.*

Minister: And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all Your righteous acts, let Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your people, who are called by Your name, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Your people have become a byword among all the nations.

*Minister and Congregation: Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of Your servants and to our pleas for mercy, and for Your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon Your sanctuaries. O our God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and see our desolation. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of the righteousness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, mercy made flesh for Your people. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for Your own sake and for Your Son's sake, O our God, and for Your people who are called by Your name. Amen.*

(from Dan. 9)

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Brothers and sisters, hear the LORD's words of pardon to you:

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. (Isaiah 40:1-2)

*Congregation: Thanks be to the LORD!*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

†PSALM OF ASCENDING

PSALM 7:9-17

(see handout)

†RESPONSIVE READING

Exodus 23:20-33

Leader: "Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him.

*Congregation: "But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. "When my angel goes before you and brings you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I blot them out, you shall not bow down to their gods nor serve them, nor do as they do, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces.*

Leader: You shall serve the LORD your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

*Congregation: And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you. I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land.*

Leader: And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

*Leader and Congregation: "You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."*

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD!  
*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

†HYMN  
  
GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME  
(see handout)

†NICENE CREED

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

*Leader and Congregation:*

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten  
of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the  
dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

†READING OF THE COVENANT

Minister: Hear now the LORD's holy, infallible, and inerrant Word.

First Reading: **Mark 1:1–15**  
Second Reading: **Malachi 2:17–3:5**

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD!  
*Congregation: The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will  
obey!*

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF THE COVENANT

*FOR WHOM IS JUSTICE 'GOOD NEWS'?*  
MARK 1:2; MALACHI 2:17–3:5

PRAYER FOR FAITHFULNESS

RESPONDING IN THANKS

†PSALM OF PRAISE  
  
PSALM 103:1-13  
(see handout)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY

†CONSECRATION OF THE OFFERINGS

†BENEDICTION  
  
Numbers 6:24–26

†HYMN OF DESCENDING  
  
ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!  
(see handout)

Minister: Go now in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!  
*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

POSTLUDE  
*Please greet one another in the name of Christ.*



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