



# Order of Worship

January 21st, 2018



## LITURGY

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

### PRELUDE

“Hast Thou Heard Him?”

### + PRAYER OF APPROACH

Pastor: We wait for God with silence.

*People: Who opens eyes to see His truth.*

Pastor: We wait for God with patience.

*People: Who opens ears to hear His Word.*

Pastor: We wait for God with reverence.

*People: Who opens hearts to feel His love.*

Pastor: And we wait for God with gladness.

*People: Who opens mouths to sing His praise.*

**ALL:** O God of unfailing love, with confidence we worship You, and we praise You for Your matchless grace and perfect joy that is our strength. Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see Your truth, open our ears to hear Your Word, open our hearts to feel Your love, and open our mouths to sing Your praise, both here and in the city we serve. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*This liturgy was written by the Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams  
and was celebrated in St. Gallen, Switzerland at  
All Souls Protestant Church which is now dissolved.*

## † SONG OF APPROACH

## “Open My Eyes ,That I May See”

*words and music by Clara H. Scott, 1895*

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



## WELCOME

## † PRAYER OF ADORATION / THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The people join hands*

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

## † SONG OF ADORATION

“Hast Thou Heard Him?”

*words by Ora Rowan, 19<sup>th</sup> Century; music by John Littlepage, 1997 (Indelible Grace)*

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?  
 Is not thine a captured heart?  
 Chief among ten thousand own Him,  
 Joyful choose the better part.

[CHORUS]

*Captivated by His beauty,  
 Worthy tribute haste to bring.  
 Let His peerless worth constrain thee,  
 Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

What can strip the seeming beauty,  
 From the idols of the earth?  
 Not a sense of right or duty,  
 But the sight of peerless worth.

[CHORUS]

Tis that look that melted Peter,  
 Tis that face that Stephen saw,  
 Tis that heart that wept with Mary,  
 Can alone from idols draw.

[CHORUS]

## † CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: To the One Whose look convicted Peter in denial, to the  
 One Whose face Stephen saw in suffering, to the One Whose  
 Whose heart wept with Mary in grieving, and to the One  
 Whose who calls us away from idolatry. To Him we all confess:  
**ALL: Lord, forgive us when we hear you and fail to answer Your call.  
 Forgive us when we follow You and seek to go a different way.  
 Forgive us when we fail You in repentance and believing. And  
 forgive us when we fail to see Your Kingdom working here and  
 now. Lord, makes us disciples by Your grace, disciples who are  
 fishers of men. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.**

(Confess in Silence)

## † SONG OF CONFESSION

“Heal Us Emmanuel”

*words by William Cowper, 1779; music by Kevin Twit, 2015 (Indelible Grace)*

[CHORUS]

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are  
 We long to feel Thy touch  
 Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly  
 O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess...We faintly trust Thy word  
 But will You pity us the less?.....Be that far from You Lord!

## † CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: As He promised the saints in ages past, Christ our Savior  
 promises now, “*Come unto me, all you who are weary and  
 heaven laden, and I will give you rest*”. Therefore, in light of  
 this sure promise, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all  
 of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
 the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ALL:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!  
Thanks be to God!

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Apostles Creed**

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

**ALL:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead;  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
He will come again 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.**

\* The word *catholic* means “universal” or “for all people” (not the Roman Catholic Church).

† **PASSING OF PEACE**

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

*People: And also with you!*

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

† **SONG OF PEACE**

**“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

*words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1868; and music by William H. Doane, 1870*

Pass me not, O gentle Savior

Hear my humble cry;

While on others Thou art calling

Do not pass me by.

[CHORUS]

*Savior, Savior,*

*Hear my humble cry.*

*While on others Thou art calling,*

*Do not pass me by.*

Let me at Thy throne of mercy

Find a sweet relief;

Kneeling there in deep contrition

Help my unbelief.

[CHORUS]

Trusting only in Thy merit

Would I seek Thy face;

Heal my wounded, broken spirit

Save me by Thy grace.

[CHORUS]

Thou the spring of all my comfort

More than life to me, Whom have I on earth beside Thee?

Whom in heaven but Thee?

[CHORUS]

## † OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 62:5-12 (ESV)

*My Soul Waits For God Alone*

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the sixty-second Psalm:

<sup>5</sup> For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him.

<sup>6</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

<sup>7</sup> On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

<sup>10</sup> Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

<sup>12</sup> and that to You, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## † NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:14-20 (ESV)

*Jesus Calls His First Disciples*

Pastor: And now friends, a reading from the Gospel of Mark.  
Listen and hear the Word of God:

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the Gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.”

<sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

Pastor: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams  
*What It Takes To Follow Jesus*

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give, but if you choose to give we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

† DOXOLOGY *words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## † INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

† SANCTUS *words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 All, Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!  
 God in three Per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## † WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again.”

And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, “Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.”

Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

**ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

## DISTRIBUTION

We welcome all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

## † SONG OF THANKSGIVING “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

*words by Samuel Stennet, 1787; music by Miss M. Durham, 1835 (Indelible Grace)*

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.*

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father’s face,  
And in His bosom rest?

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.*

## † PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Friends, as we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us pray with all our hearts, souls, and minds saying, Lord in Your mercy:

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Gracious God, You have called us together to follow Your Son as faithful disciples, and to be fishers not for self, but fishers of men who bear Good News. May we always be faithful in repentance, belief, and declaring Your Kingdom, and may you bless our brothers and sisters at *First Immanuel Lutheran Church of Chicago* as they do the same. Lord in Your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Creator God, You made all things and called them good. May the earth You have made be treasured and cared for by all people, as You treasure and care for it. May its resources be used wisely and its fragile balance between life and death respected. Lord in Your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Eternal Ruler, in Your mighty realm the nations rise and fall.

Hear our prayers for our Elders, Synod, and Kirchenrat, and the Bundesrat and all governments around the world. We pray especially for the leaders of Israel and Palestine as they further work for the peace of their peoples. May all who lead, in Church and State, learn wisdom and truth, establish justice and mercy, and seek the way that leads to peace. Lord in Your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty and Merciful God, we thank You for Your grace at the Table of Jesus; to Him be the glory forever and ever. And we thank You that through Him we know Your holy name which we now praise. Father, may we never cease to proclaim Your goodness until all things are restored in world without end. And may we never cease to walk in love; Your love by which we have been saved. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.

## † SONG OF SENDING

## “Holy God We Praise Your Name”

*words by Clarence Walworth, 1853; music by Samuel Metzger, 1774*

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we  
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train joins Your sa - cred  
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore You; all on earth Your scep - ter claim;  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name You, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low. And from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, and a - dor - ing

vast do - main; ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.  
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we praise the mys - ter - y.

## † BENEDICTION

## Aaronic Blessing

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you.

And may the Lord lift up the light of His countenance  
upon you, and give You His peace.

## † CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

## Threefold (Danish) Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.