



# Order of Worship

October 28th, 2018



## *All Saints Day*

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# LITURGY

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## WELCOME

† **PRAYER OF APPROACH** (based on Isaiah 25:6-8)

Pastor: O Brothers and Sisters, on this All Saints Day, let us  
say together promises of God:

The Lord will make a feast for us!

*People: A feast of food and well-aged wine!*

Pastor: And the Lord will wipe away our tears!

*People: And bring His joy to every land!*

Pastor: The Lord will swallow sin and death!

*People: Our enemies shall be no more!*

Pastor: And the Lord will take our great reproach!

*People: To give us life that does not end!*

**ALL:** Almighty God, we thank You for the people we remember today, and we thank You for Your promise that death is not the final word. Lord, as we hear the names of loved ones, including those who knew You not, we ask that You would grant us peace and hope for rest that is to come. The rest Isaiah talked about where every tear is wiped away, and the rest that Jesus promised all while Lazarus was in the tomb: **I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.** In His name we pray. Amen.

## † SONG OF APPROACH

## "Faith Of Our Fathers"

words by Frederick W. Faber, 1849; music by Henri F. Hemy, 1864

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive to win all na - tions  
 3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword: oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 un - to thee, and through the truth that comes from God,  
 all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our fa - thers,  
 the world shall then be tru - ly free: faith of our fa - thers,  
 by kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: faith of our fa - thers,

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!  
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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## † THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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

## “Meekness And Majesty”

*words and music by Graham Kendrick, 1986*

Meekness and majesty....Manhood and Deity.  
In perfect harmony....The Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity....Dwells in humanity.  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery.*

*Meekness and majesty.*

*Bow down and worship!*

*For this is your God! This is your God!*

Father's pure Radiance....Perfect in innocence.  
Yet learns obedience....To death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life....Conquering through sacrifice.  
And as they crucify prays: “Father forgive”.

*O what a mystery.*

*Meekness and majesty.*

*Bow down and worship!*

*For this is your God! This is your God!*

Wisdom unsearchable....God the invisible.  
Love indestructible....In frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity....Stooping so tenderly.  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.

*O what a mystery.*

*Meekness and majesty.*

*Bow down and worship!*

*For this is your God! This is your God!*

## † CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: O meek and majestic Lord, we stand before You weak from sin and wrapped in a shroud of guilt and shame. Like Lazarus, we hear Your voice saying, “Come forth from the place of death”; so we rise up from our many tombs and come to You for life and joy. O Jesus, we confess...

**ALL: We have ignored Your invitation, to a feast of food and well-aged wine. We have pushed aside Your gracious hand, that offers joy for every tear. We have treated death, our enemy, as if it were a loving friend. And we have taken up a spirit of fear, the hinders us from endless life. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us and raise us up. Raise us up from sin and death, to righteousness and life in You. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

(Confess in Silence)

## † SONG OF CONFESSION

## “Trisagion”

*words by the Eastern Church, 433; music by Fernando Ortega, 2011*

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One.

Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

## † CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters beloved by God, through the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are free from the law of sin and death. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of His Church, and by His authority, 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**

**“It Is Well With My Soul”**

*words by Horatio G. Spafford 1873, music by Philip P. Bliss, 1876 (Indelible Grace)*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way.

When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*It is well (It is well), with my soul (with my soul),*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate

And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well (It is well), with my soul (with my soul),*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!

My sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O My soul!

*It is well (It is well), with my soul (with my soul),*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

And Lord, hast the day when my faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,

Even so, it is well with my soul

*It is well (It is well), with my soul (with my soul),*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

## † FIRST READING

John 11:21-27;32-35 (ESV)

*I Am The Resurrection And The Life/Jesus Weeps*

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the Gospel of John:

<sup>21</sup> Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You.” <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “**Your brother will rise again.**” <sup>24</sup> And Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though they die, yet shall they live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?**” <sup>27</sup> She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

<sup>32</sup> Now when Mary [Martha’s sister] came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> And when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> Then He said, “**Where have you laid Lazarus?**” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus wept.

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

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## † NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 11:36-44 (ESV)

*Jesus Raises Lazarus*

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

<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, “**Take away the stone.**” Then Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> But Jesus said to her, “**Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?**” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “**Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me.**” <sup>43</sup> And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come out.**” <sup>44</sup> Then the man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. And Jesus said to the people, “**Unbind him, and let him go.**”

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



## † NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Lector: Brothers and Sisters, please rise for the naming of the saints....

*\* The names of those who have died are read aloud as a bell is rung and a memorial candle is lit.*

Lector: Let us pray...Almighty God, we give You thanks for all the loved ones we have named. Thank You for the examples they have set for us, and the many joys they brought us while they lived. Lord, grant them peace as they rest from the labors of this life, and give us grace in our labors until we find rest in the life everlasting. To Your honor and glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### † 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  
(Chant) 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!*

#### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for feeding us at the Table of Jesus, and for assuring us, through Your great Word, that we belong to the Communion of Saints. Grant unto us the faith, hope, and love of all those gone before us, and let the example of all Your saints on earth shine with these gifts as we seek to be true Christians in heart. Lord, bless our Brothers and Sisters at the *Greater Mount Gideon Baptist Church* of Baton Rouge who pray for us this day, and may they never cease in their constant goal to be loving, holy, and like Your Son. We ask all this, through Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, and Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever.

**ALL:** Amen!

#### † SONG OF SENDING

#### Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

*words and music by Unknown, African-American Spiritual*

N.C. D G/D D

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

D A Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

D G D Bm

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

D A7 Bm G D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



## † BENEDICTION

## Irish Blessing

Pastor: May the road rise to meet you,  
 May the wind be always at your back,  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
 May the sweet and fragrant rain of God's blessing fall  
 soft upon your lives,  
 And until we meet again, brothers and sisters, family  
 and friends in Christ  
 May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 hold you in the hollow of His hand.

## † CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

## Threefold (Danish) Amen

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