

# ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP OF GOD

April 8, 2018

## GATHERING SONG: “Come, People of the Risen King”

Come, People of the Risen King who delight to bring him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the morning star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Chorus: Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!” (chorus 2x)

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## GATHERING HYMN: # 106 “Father, Father of All Things”

Father, Father of all things, we bless you, Father, we love and adore you.  
O Father, your children praise you. Father, Father of light and power,  
Father, your greatness surrounds the earth and all of your children declare you are Lord.

Jesus, only Son of the living God, Jesus, you willingly suffered  
That through you we might know his love. Jesus, cleanse us, your people, and fill us.  
Pour down Your Spirit upon us that we as your body may show forth your love.

Spirit, sent by the Son to dwell in us, living and working within us  
To make us more like Jesus; Spirit, fall down upon us as fire.  
Fill and equip us with power and draw from us love and praise to the Lord.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP: To God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – “...who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen”** (from I Timothy 6:15-16).

**HYMN: # 295 “Crown Him with Many Crown”**

## PRAYER

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed** (hymnal page 845)

**SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 20:17-32; II Timothy 3:14-4:5**

## PRAYER

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**MESSAGE: “The Message Matters!” – Matthew 7:15-23**

## HYMN: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

At the lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him who’s love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Give his body for the feast, Christ the victim Christ, the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, who blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Latin Hymn 6<sup>th</sup> Century. Translated by Robert Campbell, 1849. Music by Ruth Harris, 2011.

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

## HYMN: # 737 “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore thee.

## BENEDICTION

