

The Order for the Worship of God

Let the first tone of the organ be a call to quiet meditation in which all may become aware of God's presence, and lift up a prayer for yourself and for Faith Church.

Prelude

Parker Wicker

Welcome and Greeting

Preparation of Our Hearts

† Call to Worship

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

²Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**⁵For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

† Opening Psalm

#100 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Sung to the tune *Old Hundredth*, #134

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Psalter Reading

Psalm 45 (NRSVUE)

Glenn Sparks

¹My heart overflows with a goodly theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

²**You are the most handsome of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.**

³Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your glory and majesty.

⁴**In your majesty ride on victoriously
for the cause of truth and to defend the right;
let your right hand teach you dread deeds.**

⁵Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

⁶**Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.
Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;**

⁷you love righteousness and hate wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions

⁸**your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;**

⁹daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰**Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,**

¹¹and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

¹²**Daughter Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people**

¹³with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;

¹⁴**in many-colored robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.**

¹⁵With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶**In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.**

¹⁷I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,

and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,

and the books were opened.

¹¹I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being

coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One

and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion

and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one

that shall never be destroyed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for His Word.

Choral Anthem

God Be In My Head

Children's Sermon**† Hymn**#482 Man of Sorrows
(Gray Psalter Hymnal)**New Testament Reading**

John 18:28-19:3

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, “Not this man but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a rebel. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face.

Sermon

Pastor Andrew Winter

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

† Response # 638 The Doxology (Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† Prayer of Dedication

Moment for Mission

Katie White
Bravely Women’s Health

Joys and Concerns

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

† Closing Hymn

#12 Like a River Glorious
(Supplemental Hymnal)

† Announcements

† Benediction

Postlude