# The Robert E. Webber Institute For worship studies



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# Grace Episcopal Church

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# **Preparation for Worship**

"Friend of God"

Greetings from the President of the Institute for Worship Studies, Dr. James R. Hart

# The Word of the Lord

**Processional Hymn 680** 

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. John Rutter



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Your Grace is Enough"

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People pray together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Songs of Praise**

"I See the Lord"
"Majesty"

# The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servants graduating today, and we pray that your Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**The Lessons** The People sit as the appointed lessons are read.

**First Lesson** 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you | gods, \* ascribe to the LORD glory and | strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his | Name; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory | thunders; \* the LORD is upon the mighty | waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful | voice; \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of | splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; \* the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a | calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild | ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness; \* the LORD shakes the wilderness of | Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees | writhe \* and strips the forests | bare.

9 And in the temple of the | LORD \* all are crying, | "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the | flood; \* the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever | more.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his | people; \* the LORD shall give his people the blessing of | peace.

(Bowing)

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son, and to the Holy | Spirit:\* (Rising)

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A men.

**Second Lesson** 

2 Cor. 5:6-21

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn** 

"Celtic Alleluia"





Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

"Ascension People"

Dr. Phyllis Tickle

# **The Commencement**

The Presentation of the Candidates

Dr. Eric A. Bolger Academic Dean

Dr. Gerald L. Borchert

Thesis Director

The Conferring of Degrees

Dr. James R. Hart President

The Hooding

Dr. John H. Lindsell Chairman of the Board

The Prayer of Commissioning

Dr. Darrell A. Harris Chaplain

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome

Dr. Kent Walters, IWS Director of Alumni Relations

**The Holy Communion** 

The Offertory

Tonight's offering will benefit the ongoing ministry of the Institute for Worship Studies. Checks should be made payable to the Institute for Worship Studies, not Grace Episcopal Church. Anthem

IWS Choir - Conducted by Dr. Dan Sharp, IWS Professor

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

The Doxology Lasst Uns Erfreuen

People stand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

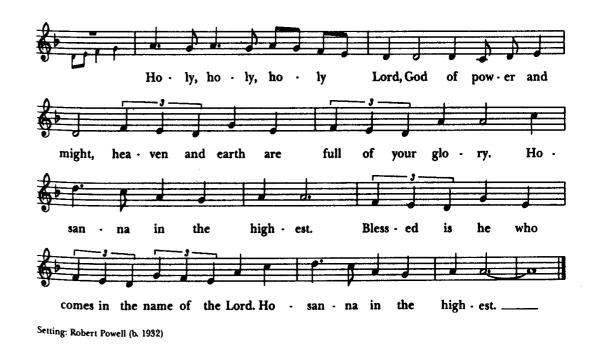
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People

#### Sanctus and Benedictus



The People kneel.

# The Prayer of Consecration

#### Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Eric Wyse

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### The Acclamation

Celebrant and People together:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray



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# The Breaking of the Bread

# Agnus Dei

Words: traditional Music: Jim Hart

O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# The Communion of the People

Visitors who have been baptized, who know Christ to be their Savior, and who would be welcome to receive Communion in their home church, are welcome at the Lord's Table in this church. Children whose parents do not want them to receive Communion, or others who do not wish to do so, are encouraged to come forward, cross their arms across their chests, and receive a prayer of blessing.

#### Communion Music

"Give Me Jesus" arr. Larry L. Fleming IWS Choir

"Behold the Lamb/Lamb of God"

"We Remember"

"You Are My All in All"

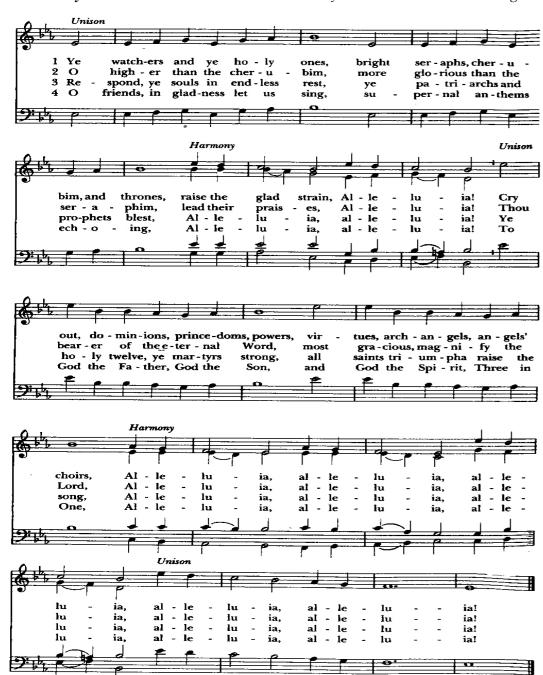
After Communion, the Celebrant says

# Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest blesses the People.



Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

Music: Lass uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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The people are dismissed with this charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **Postlude**

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to

Celebrant, the Rev'd Kurt Dunkle, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church,
The Rev'd Celeste Tisdelle, Assistant Rector, Grace Episcopal Church,
and the people of Grace Episcopal Church for their assistance with this service,
The Rev'd Dr. Tim Roberts, Pastor, Orange Park Presbyterian Church
Mrs. Martha Milton, Head of School, Grace Episcopal Day School
Dr. Linda Borecki, music coordinator (IWS alumna)
Dr. James Abbington (IWS professor), Dr. Bill Cummings (IWS Alumnus)
and Thomas Tyler (IWS student), accompanists/organists

Special thanks goes to our visiting choristers from New Grace Church for their continued support of IWS. We would also like to thank all of our host families for welcoming our students into their homes during this week. Your hospitality blesses us immeasurably.