



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Order of Service for Evensong April 23, 2025

A special welcome to those visiting us this evening.

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful.

When you see an asterisk *, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.

Please join your voice with the congregation in reading the responses in **bold print**.

We Gather to Worship

WORDS OF WELCOME - *Galatians 3:28*

(The water is poured.)







Leader: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism.

All: Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Leader: And you are welcome here.

TOLLING

OPENING CHANT

Cantor	All respond
	
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*OPENING SENTENCES

(Please rise as the light is spread from the Christ candle.)

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

All: the light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

All: and the day is almost over.

Leader: Eternal God by your word you commanded: "Let there be light!"

By your Spirit you have revealed the light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Shine in our hearts this night with the light of your good news

and illumine our dreams with the vision of your holy realm.

Let your light scatter the darkness

All: and illumine your church.

*EVENING HYMN 675

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

TALLIS' CANON

We Proclaim God's Word

EVENING PRAYER

(The incense is lit.)

Leader: Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O Lord,

All: the lifting of my prayer as an evening sacrifice.

Leader: Holy God, let the incense of our prayer ascend before you,

and let your loving-kindness descend upon us,

that with devoted hearts we may sing your praises

with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host,

and glorify you forever and ever. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: O God, in you I trust.

Leader: Holy one, as you are well pleased with Christ,

help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you.

As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and

seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved son,

our savior and Lord. We lift up before you this night the concerns of our congregation,

prayers for... Hear us now loving God as we raise the joys and concerns

of our hearts and minds to you in silent prayer.

(A period of silent personal prayer.)

Leader: As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night. Give rest for our comfort.

Come upon us with quietness and still our souls, that we may listen for the whisper of

your Spirit and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams. Empower us to rise again

in new life to proclaim your praise, and show Christ to the world, for he reigns forever

and ever.

All: Amen.

675 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the
 2 For - give me, Lord, through Christ, I pray, the wrong that
 3 O may my soul on thee re - pose, and with sweet
 4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all

bless - ings of the light! Keep me, O keep me
 I have done this day, that I, be - fore I
 sleep mine eye - lids close. Re - fresh my strength, for
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

safe from harm with - in the shel - ter of thine arm!
 sleep, may be at peace with neigh - bor, self, and thee.
 thine own sake, to serve thee well when I a - wake.
 heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**May be sung as a canon.*

Originally consisting of twelve stanzas, this was the bedtime hymn of the boys at Winchester School in England. Now it is one of the best-known evening hymns in English (usually matched with this tune and sung in canon), and its final stanza has taken on a life of its own.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

All: Holy God, all goodness and truth comes from you. Keep us safe from evil and lead us in the paths of justice, that we may know the joy of trusting in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LECTIO DIVINA

LECTIO (READ)

MEDITATIO (MEDITATE)

ORATIO (PRAY)

CONTEMPLATIO (CONTEMPLATION)

The focus of Lectio Divina is not a critical analysis of sacred text, but rather a more personal way of experiencing the word through contemplation and reflection.

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN (insert) *Holy, Holy, Holy*

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

HYMN (insert) *Christ has Died; Christ is Risen*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours,
eternal God, now and forever.

HYMN (insert) *Amen*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

All: for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all
perils and dangers of this night for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus
Christ.

All: Amen.

CANTICLE

The Lord's Prayer

CHANT

(As the droning begins, please take a moment to tune your voice to the pitch before the chant.)

**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
debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

Damon B. Martin

Holy, Holy, Holy

1 E5 Bm/D E5 Bm/D
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

5 C D Bm C D E5
God of po - wer and might,

9 Em Bm/D C D C D
hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the

14 Em/G Bm/F# C D E5
high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

17 Em Bm/D C D
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

21 C D Em/G Bm/F# C D E5
sa - na in the high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The piece consists of 21 measures in total.

Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen

25 Em Bm/D G D/F# C D E5
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Amen

32 Em Bm/D G D/F# C D E5
A - men, a - men a - men, a men.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the hymn 'Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen'. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The piece consists of 32 measures in total.

We Go in God's Name

EVENING PRAYER

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

All: for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

*HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep rest in his peace.

All: May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

Leader: Bless the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised. Amen.

*TOLLING

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



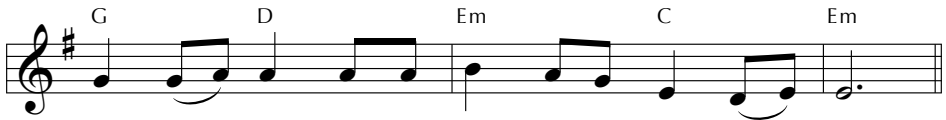
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

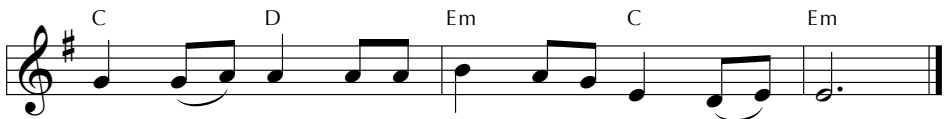
Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Upcoming Events

Individual Prayer & Evensong Worship — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evensong service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. Evensong is a short worship service, featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, to help transition into the restful night.

After the service, we'll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Our Free Yoga Class is available weekly on Wednesdays! Angela Rose leads the hour-long class in the Rec Room in the basement. All skill levels are welcome.

Choir Practice — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

The choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to practice. **If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please reach out to Puffer (puffer@fpcokc.org).**

Deacons' Out & About: Riverboat Cruise — Saturday, May 3 | 5:00 p.m.

Welcome aboard FPC-OKC's Riverboat Cruise sponsored by the Deacons! This cruise is open to ALL AGES. *There are a limited number of tickets, so please sign up at tinyurl.com/DeaconsCruise25 as soon as possible.*

We'll gather at Big Friendly (1737 Spoke St., just off S. Western & SW 17th St.) between 5:00-5:30 p.m. You'll be able to order food at Taco Nation, which is just a few steps away.

At 6:30 p.m., we'll move to the Regatta Landing (701 S. Lincoln Blvd, in the Boathouse District). Boarding begins at 6:45 p.m. for the two-hour trip up and down the Oklahoma River, returning to the same landing at 9:00 p.m.

Onboard, enjoy adult refreshments (at your expense) or free soft drinks, coffee, and snacks! **Please contact Blaine Moore (405-473-7893) if you have any questions.**

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, May 4 | 12:00 p.m.

Our First Sunday Lunches are a great time to share in fellowship with the congregation. After the worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall to enjoy a delicious meal organized by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Taco Bar, Chips, Salsa, Queso, Sopapilla Cheesecake, and Mockaritas

Kemp Concert Series: Glenn Miller, Organ — Sunday, May 18 | 4:00 p.m.

Former First Presbyterian Church staff member Glenn Miller returns to Oklahoma City for a special concert. The program will feature organ works by Franck, Vierne, and more. Glenn will also showcase his signature low bass voice in several selections, including the world premiere of pieces composed especially for him.

This concert celebrates the recently refurbished Sanctuary Organ. **The event is free and open to the public.**

Memorial Day Celebration — Sunday, May 25 | After 11:00 Service

Join us after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 25, for our annual Memorial Day celebration!

This year, we're mixing things up with patriotic-themed games and activities for all ages near the playground behind the church. We'll be serving up classic cookout favorites, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Bring your festive spirit and enjoy a fun afternoon with the church family.

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