



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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## Order of Service for Evensong June 4, 2025

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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

\*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 676

*Day Is Done*

CELEBRATING TIME

## Day Is Done

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1 Day is done, but love un-fail-ing dwells ev-er here;  
 2 Dark de-scends, but light un-end-ing shines through our night;  
 3 Eyes will close, but you un-sleep-ing watch by our side.

shad-ows fall, but hope, pre-vail-ing, calms ev-ery fear.  
 you are with us, ev-er lend-ing new strength to sight:  
 Death may come; in love's safe-keep-ing still we a-bide.

God, our Mak-er, none for-sak-ing, take our hearts, of love's own  
 one in love, your truth con-fess-ing, one in hope of heav-en's  
 God of love, all e-vil quell-ing, sin for-giv-ing, fear dis-

mak-ing; watch our sleep-ing; guard our wak-ing; be al-ways near.  
 bless-ing, may we see, in love's pos-sess-ing, love's end-less light!  
 pel-ling, stay with us, our hearts in-dwell-ing, this e-ven-tide.

This 20th-century hymn by a Scottish Jesuit paraphrases several traditional evening prayers and takes its shape from the familiar Welsh tune to which it is set. Its rhyme pattern requires considerable poetic skill, as only three rhymes serve for the eight lines of text.

# 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.**

## SOLO

*Psalm 6:2-9*

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*Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.*

*My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long?*

*Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.*

*For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?*

*I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.*

*Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.*

*Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.*

*The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.*

## 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 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

# The Lord's Supper

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## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of po - wer and might,

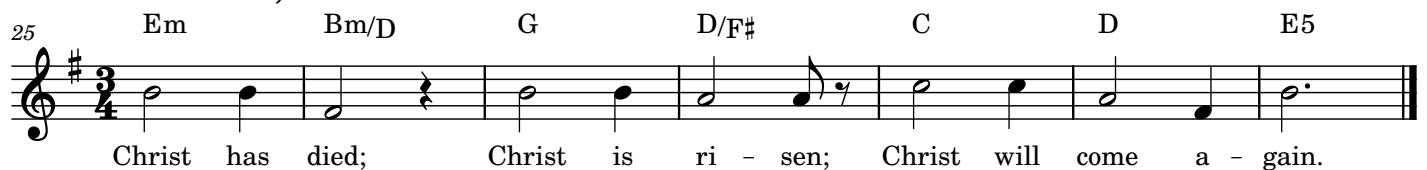
hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the

high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

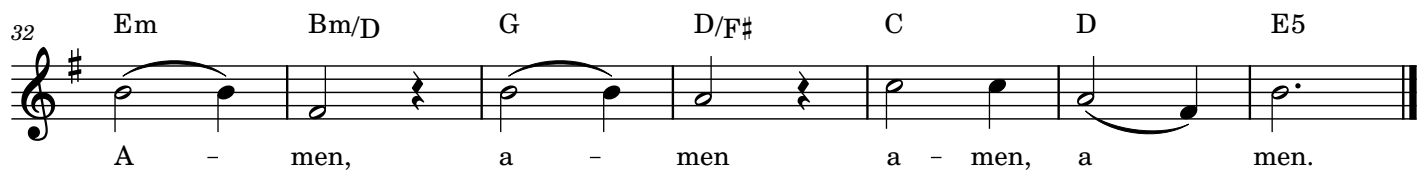
sa - na in the high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

## Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen



Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

## Amen



A - men, a - men a - men, a men.

## 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.**

## 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.

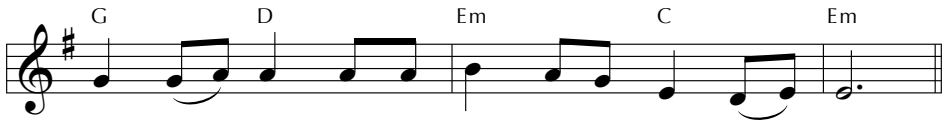


You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



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.



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.

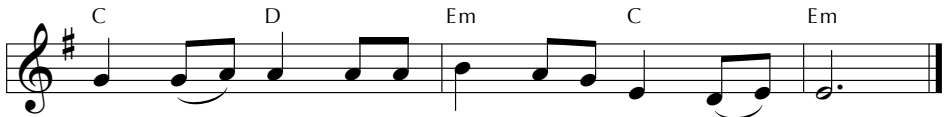
*Refrain*



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.