

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 2, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Voluntary: Vater unser im Himmelreich..... Georg Böhm

WelcomeMichael Williams
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast.....Hursley

† Processional Hymn No. 117.....St. Anne
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

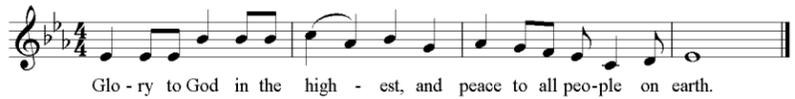
† Greeting..... Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*
People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**
Liturgist: *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*
People: **O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**
Liturgist: Let us worship God!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Words of Assurance
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
(*You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.*)

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
Holy God, Word made flesh, let us hear this word open to your voice. Silence our agendas, confound our expectations, and clear the cobwebs from our ears. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 84.....(pew Bible, pages 472-473)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation.....Michael Williams
I Would Rather Be a Doorkeeper

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Chris Allen

The Offering

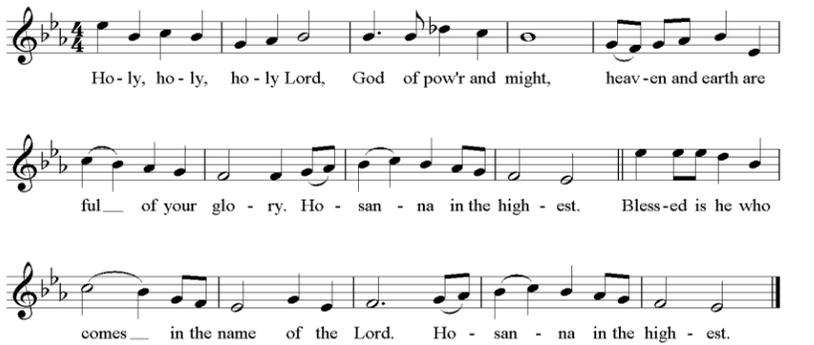
Offertory: Ave Verum.....Philip Stopford
Translation from Latin:
Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon us.

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology.....No. 95

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are
ful _ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes _ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is _ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus _ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)
**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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 Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup
The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 285, 504, 299 & 295.

† Prayer after Receiving
Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 292 Wondrous Love
What Wondrous Love is This

Commissioning Guatemala Mission Team

† Dismissal with Blessing

Celebrant: *Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

People: **Amen.**

† Benediction Response: Amen.....John Stainer

Voluntary: Toccata in E MinorDietrich Buxtehude
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Robert Norling and son, Kirk Norling, by their family.

A rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Emma Margaret Hibshoosh,
born on March 20, 2017 in Manhattan, New York
to parents Julie Culver Hibshoosh and Daniel Mark Hibshoosh,
and big brother Harry, all of Brooklyn.

Emma is the grandchild of Jim and Nancy Culver, niece of Emily Culver
Bigelow, and cousin to Anna and Peter Bigelow.

A rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Rosemary Knox Leverenz
to parents Molly and David Leverenz, and big sister Eleanor.

A rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Caroline Elizabeth Price
to parents Whitney and Jeremy Price, and big brother Sawyer.

The anthem Ave Verum is given to the glory of God
and in honor of Lee Warren by Jerry and Dot Warren.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music,
Andrew Risinger is directing. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.

The texts used in today's Communion service are used in many Christian
traditions. They help us to see our relationship to those around us as an
expression of our relationship to God. This is best expressed as we confess our
sins, are assured of God's forgiveness, and then express that forgiveness with
those around us in the "Passing of the Peace." The Peace is an act of
reconciliation and blessing, based on New Testament Christian practice. When
we are reminded of God's love and mercy, our response is to share that gift
with others. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven and
reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

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Preaching: Michael Williams
"I Would Rather Be a Doorkeeper"

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are
those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.
Selah. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in
whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go
through the valley of Baca they make it a place of
springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They
go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be
seen in Zion. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah Behold our shield, O
God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in
your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I
would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God
is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No
good thing does the LORD withhold from those who
walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone
who trusts in you.

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