

ORDER OF SERVICE  
for BEAUTY and KNOWLEDGE

PRELUDE [Suggestion] *Tangerine Dream Sequent C*

Let us, in our gathering, come and worship in the Beauty of Holiness.

SENTENCES

God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another. John: 5, 7.

The path of the just is as the shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day. Proverbs IV: 18.

[Light the chalice]

HYMN [Suggestion] *Sing Your Faith SF 213 St Peter choir*

LAMENT for the world's troubles. For example, Don McLean *Waters of Babylon* or Queen *Is this the World We Created liturgical* (if not used elsewhere).

[Lyrics] By the waters, the waters of Babylon. We lay down and wept, and wept, for the Zion. We remember, thee remember, thee remember, the Zion.

[Lyrics - short] Just look at all those hungry mouths we have to feed. Take a look at all the suffering we breed. So many lonely faces scattered all around searching for what they need. Is this the world we created? What did we do it for? Is this the world we invaded against the law? So it seems, in the end, is this what we're all living for today: the world that we created? You know that everyday a helpless child is born, who needs some loving care inside a happy home; somewhere a wealthy man is sitting on his throne, waiting for life to go by. Is this the world we created, we made it on our own? Is this the world we devastated, right to the bone? If there's a God in the sky, looking down - what can he think of what we've done to the world that He created?

EXHORTATION

In the holy quiet of this hour, let us hear prayer, and yet we know that what is in our hearts and what we actually do matters more than the content of our words. Let each of us bring an offering of penitence, if not of purity; of love, if not of holiness; of teaching, if not of wisdom; of obedience for the future, if not the best fruits of the past. And may we find mercy and grace in time of need so that we can do the right thing.

## INVOCATION

The shadows of the night become morning clear; we become children of the light and of the day. Let the sun of righteousness shine in our hearts. Enlighten through reason, clarify the conscience, purify our affections. Through the Spirit let faithless distrust and all evil thoughts be driven from our minds; that we may walk with joy and be of true benefit to others.

## PRAYER [Preferably said by all]

**In the presence of holiness and truth we see the evident imperfections around us; by this light we are ashamed of the darkness of our own hearts. We have fallen short of the fullness of life that might be in us. We have not enough served the unfinished works of light in our activities. Help us here to see the brightness of what can be, that all our days we may steadfastly seek the health and wholeness of humanity and serve it well through practical means. .**

## RESPONSIVE

Gather instruction as we grow older: **so into one's grey hairs each may gain wisdom.**

Come to the earth as one who ploughs, sows and harvests: **and wait for her good fruits, consume them, and offer the same to others.**

Come to the fields and sheds whereupon are the animals: **treat them well and they will respond and enrich.**

Come to the building as one who produces and administers: **and make what is possible actual all the way down the economic line.**

Use your computers, mobile phones and devices: **to be generous, efficient and friendly in service.**

Go on the road as one who travels and distributes: **bringing the fruits to the people who need them, so that all can benefit.**

Enjoy the retirement that comes after all the toil: **for everyone has the right to look back and say here was my small contribution - and, if you want some advice, I still have expertise to offer.**

Let's hope the contribution was worthwhile: **it can be a world of secrets for some and a painful memory.**

## ECONOMIC THOUGHTS

A positive utility: **ultimately requires honesty and openness and doing what is right.**

The one who works well, and is contented, shall have a sweet life: **whether paid or unpaid, be productive towards one's neighbours.**

Do what is truly profitable: **we do what is sober and comprehended, righteous and of good courage.**

Yes still enjoy the pleasures, and relax: **enjoying the good company that each can give the other.**

## WISDOM

How does instruction become wisdom when at the plough and harvester? **Set your heart on turning the furrows and gathering the crops.**

How does instruction become wisdom when at the screen? **Because one learns the subtleties of virtual communication to be courteous and clear.**

How does instruction become wisdom when at the anvil and the factory line? **Through the heart set upon perfecting the work with efficiency.**

How does instruction become wisdom when among the animals? **By treating them well, for the animal is sentient and needs good care.**

Just as one drives a vehicle first with lessons and then developing a second sense, so we acquire wisdom from instruction through repetition and familiarity, adding a beauty to the necessity.

We shall build houses and inhabit them; we shall plant and enjoy the crops, we shall add value to raw materials and make usable products, we shall distribute and communicate.

For these maintain the fabric of our world, and the handiwork of our craft is our prayer. Amen.

[HYMN](#) [Suggestion] SF 019 Sandwich write piano 1 3 6

ASCRPTION

Blessed be for mathematics, for in these symbols are the structures and relationships of our very existence.

Blessed be for physics, for its theories are underpinned by mathematics and the object-orientated experiment that shows strangeness as the foundation of the regular and reliable.

Blessed be for chemistry, for how the object-fundamentals collect together and display properties, properties that are the variety of substance, both long-standing and fleeting.

Blessed be for biology, for how the chemicals form into life, complex and simpler, with degrees of consciousness and self-consciousness throughout the evolving species.

Blessed be for psychology, for how the biology of the brain and body works into desires, longings, frustrations and happiness.

Blessed be for sociology, for the ways in which society as collective shapes individual consciousness and action, according either to patterns of large scale regularity or small scale validity, with insights into power and exploitation.

Blessed be for economics, for how the collective actions are motivated to add value, with explanations for power and exploitation.

Blessed be for history, and the rules that determine what we can interpret and what we cannot even grasp beyond wild speculation.

Blessed be for geography, for knowing the earth and its people, in studying its relationships of spatial chaos and systems.

Blessed be for the arts, for signals of transcending value, for the something other than the drudgery of working and existing, for the circuses that accompany the bread and which fulfil humanity.

Blessed be for philosophies and religion, that keep an overview on all of the above, and of religions that act as a means of focus and call us to service, and for the seat of conscience in every sentient reflective being.

We can say what is right mathematics, and we can experiment to falsify physics even with the observer principle, and clarify chemistry, and develop these into life in biology, and add some speculation into psychology, and spacially pattern these in Geography, and use perspectives of human patterns for sociology and economics, and record what we did in history; but in the arts, religion and philosophy we seek a transcending value but can never pinpoint what is right because we also bless the freedom that is the individual's culture and identity.

READING [Suitable to the theme in the sermon] [Suggestions] [BBCollingsM Beautiful Equations excerpts](#); [BBC KakuMichio Can Time Slow?](#)

MUSIC [Optional; suitable to the theme in the sermon] [Suggestions] [Yes: Time](#); [HornerJames Beautiful Mind: Kaleidoscope of Mathematics](#)

God be with us. And we are with God's spirit.

LITANY [Or alternative, or silence, or move on]

In the direction of Light, thanks to the visions of ancient seers who moved this way ahead of the crowd, and the mathematicians and scientists who unlock reality;

**Teach us to live, as seeing the invisible and incredible.**

By the voices of holy prophets and technicians who discerned the signs of their times and foretold the doom that follows wrong;

**Arouse us to see and overcome the evils of today.**

By the mind that was in Buddha and Christ Jesus: compassionate, free in thought, steadfast in purpose, direct along the road;

**Awaken in us also a generous mind and a bold vision.**

By the brilliance of Albert Einstein and Paul Dirac, imaginative, far-seeing, believers and proof-makers in balance and beauty:

**Teach us in pain to remove falsehoods and in pleasure to think anew.**

By the self-sacrifice of saints and apostles, martyrs and missionaries, and discoverers, who didn't count the cost

**Inspire us to find in common and intellectual life the paths of devotion.**

### INTERCESSION

We fix upon the faith and works of the world religions; by every prayer for light and direction in their shrines, in east or west or north or south. Kindle in our hearts the faith that shall be a light upon our way and a song upon our lips. We ask our scientists to take us to the truth however incredible and baffling, but to do so with ethical intent and recommendation. We consider problems of our world: war, as in [name them], famine [where?], terrorism, and that these might be overcome, but also consider the positive in art, mathematics, science, and productivity, building upon the forces of nature, producing technology, fashioning forms of beauty; being skilful in industry, wise in statecraft, gentle in parenthood, and gifted with insight. Let us see emerge the light in those who are ill, and we remember those with us no longer but whose contributions form the foundations of knowledge and ethics and on whose shoulders we now stand.

We are but members one of another, in brotherhood and sisterhood in the bond of the human spirit, and so let us be removed of all distrusts and bitterness in war and conflict, in industrial and even necessary political disputes, and indeed on all occasions for negative discontent: instead, seeking what is just and equal in opportunity, and caring for the needs of others, weave and fashion our way from creative chaos into the beauty of reality that we may live and work together in love and concord. We walk towards a beautiful city of justice, where none shall prey on others; a beautiful city of plenty, where vice and poverty shall cease to fester; a beautiful city of togetherness, where all success shall be founded on service, and honour shall be given to nobleness; a beautiful city of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love for the beautiful city. This is surely our vision. Amen.

Continue to worship in the Beauty of holiness: Heaven and earth are full of divine Glory. Amen.

[HYMN](#) [Suggestion] SF 199 Noel Nouvelet choir

## SERMON

[OFFERTORY](#) [with edited music of approximately the duration of the collection] and ANNOUNCEMENTS [Suggestion - Mandelbrot-like wave form, spooky music] JarreJM *Equinoxe* extract

[HYMN](#) [Suggestion] SF 189 Christus der ist Mein Leben choir

## BENEDICTION

As the worship recedes, let the patterns of complexity weave their magic through our lives offering meaning and purpose like there stands behind each life, powering through, an equation of beauty and goodness.

[POSTLUDE](#) [Suggestion] Bee Gees: *I started a Joke*