

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twelfth Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

God moves in a Mysterious way
His Wonders to perform,
He plants his Footsteps in the Sea,
And rides upon the Storm.

- William Cowper

“We who have not formed galaxies and quasars and fashioned worlds shouldn’t be so quick to tell God how to run his universe. In our times of suffering, God doesn’t give answers as much as he gives himself. And already, in the Bible, he has revealed more than enough of himself to give us solid reasons for faith—yet not enough to make our faith unnecessary.”

- Randy Alcorn, “The Hardest Lesson”
eternalperspectiveministries.org (10.5.2012)

“By good powers wonderfully hidden, we await cheerfully, come what may.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in a letter written from his Nazi prison cell



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
before 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.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “O Worship the King”

**O Worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercy how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 34:1-6

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.**

MEMBERSHIP VOWS | *Kevin and Sally Robinson*

WELCOME INTO THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

**Christ be with you, Christ within you,
Christ behind you, Christ before you,
Christ beside you, Christ to win you,
Christ to comfort and restore you,
Christ beneath you, Christ above you,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in the hearts of those that love you,
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.**

~ Adapted from the Prayer of St. Patrick

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “All Creatures Of Our God And King”

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along: O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part: O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness: O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

“Our Help and Strength”
**How long, O Lord, will you delay?
Our grief and sorrow lend their sound.
How long until Your arm will save,
As justice withers on the ground?
Look up and be amazed:
Before our Savior heard our cries
His plan was blossoming
To make his truth and justice rise
To make his truth and justice rise**

**O Holy One, eternal God
Will You not hear, will You not see?
We watch and wait, we make our plea
We place our hope in You to speak**

**Yet shall we hope and trust
Come saturate, make Your way known
Make faith our way of life
And silence us before your throne
And silence us before your throne**

**Though trees are bare and vines don't bloom,
Though earth may shake and violence strike,
In wrath, remember mercy sweet;
Come save Your children from our plight
O God, come fill the earth
That all may know Your majesty
And we'll take joy in You
Our help and strength You'll ever be
Our help and strength You'll ever be**

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

† CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

† DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† GREETING

Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms. Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families before communion.

READING OF GOD’S WORD | Habakkuk 3: 1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series - Habakkuk: The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Sermon - “The Transforming Vision”

- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | from Hebrews 7

It was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens... He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

How do we take communion at St. Patrick?

When directed, please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The white chalices contain wine; the darker ones on the tables have grape juice. The crackers on the tables are gluten-free. The elder will distribute the bread and then follow with the wine chalice. We will practice intinction, where you will dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer grape juice or need gluten-free bread, indicate your preference when the elder comes to you, then go to the table for your elements. After receiving communion, you will proceed to the outside aisle to return to your seats.

Who comes to the Table?

Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know and belong to Jesus.

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;

Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;

To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;

We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

† BENEDICTION | Adapted from a Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with a restless discomfort,
that you may seek truth and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger,
that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom and peace for all.

May God bless you with the gift of tears,
that you may reach out your hand with empathy to comfort the brokenhearted.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to embrace the cross,
that you are able, by God’s grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

Thanks be to God.

*Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.
If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side)
immediately following the service to pray with you.*



Helpful Links:



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NEED PRAYER?

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