

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Sixth Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
Fifth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Christian Hospitality has always had a subversive, countercultural dimension.”
- Christian Pohl, *Making Room*

“Strangers are people without a place.”
- Walter Brueggemann, *Interpretation and Obedience*

“And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.”
- Friedrich Nietzsche



OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God,
Who gathers his pilgrims for a Lenten feast day:
an oasis in the wilderness of discipline
Refresh us with your Spirit;
Give us bread for the journey
in Word, sacrament, and prayer
Prepare our hearts to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection
with gladness and gratitude at Your perfect provision for us.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide ’til life’s storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart for all eternity.

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 32:1-5, 10-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Cody and Abigail Backus; Alex and Valerie Antonio; Stacy Stanton; James Alfred Isbell;
Bess, Charli, Claire, Bennett, and Taylor Contreras; John, Stacy, Avery, and Elliott Pritchard
Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered through the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service to God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM | *Charli, Claire, Bennett, and Taylor Contreras*

CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM | *Blair Nicola Antonio*

Parents:

Do you acknowledge Blair’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises and benefits for Blair and by faith do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation as you do your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Blair to God, and do you promise by relying on God’s power and grace through the Holy Spirit, to live an exemplary life before her?

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for Blair, to teach her the Scriptures and the great articles of our faith in Jesus Christ?

Do you promise to use every means provided by God, including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to bring Blair up in the loving discipline of the Lord?

Congregation:

Do you, a member of this congregation, acting for yourself and on behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this child?

Do you commit yourselves to set a Godly example before Blair, to provide, as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that she may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WELCOME TO THE COVENANT COMMUNITY

Jesus Loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Isaiah 43”

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves, they shall not overcome you:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Refrain:

(Men) For I am the Lord your God
(Women) I am the Lord your God
(Men) I am the Lord your God
(Women) I am (All) The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
(Men) I am the Lord *(Women)* Do not Fear
(Men) I am the Lord *(Women)* Do not Fear
(All) I am the Lord

When you walk through the fire, you’ll not be burned
And the flames, they shall not, not consume you:
Do not fear for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine. *(refrain)*

“From the Depths of Woe”

From the depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.
If thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before thee? O who shall stand before thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy, and live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience, I wait for it with patience.

What though I wait the livelong night, and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:
Do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth, and wait till God appeareth.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free.
From all their sin and sorrow, from all their sin and sorrow.

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 | Acts 21:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: "Food for the Journey"
 - Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN | *from the Book of Common Worship*

**Eternal God,
 in whom we live and move and have our being,
 whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
 and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
 Cleanse us from all our offenses,
 and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
 that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
 confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
 and finding in you our refuge and strength;
 Through Jesus Christ your Son,
 Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 2 Corinthians 5:21

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
 so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

How do we take communion here at St. Patrick?

As the ushers come past your row, please come to the front, take one piece of bread and one cup of wine or juice. Consume these immediately and dispose of your cups in the receptacle on the side as you return to your seat. Each table serves both wine and grape juice, and all of our bread is gluten-free.

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 | "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
 To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am;
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 And through eternity I'll sing on.**

† BENEDICTION | Isaiah 58:11-12

And the Lord will guide you continually
 and satisfy your desire in scorched places
 and make your bones strong;
 and you shall be like a watered garden,
 like a spring of water
 whose waters do not fail.

**And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
 the restorer of streets to dwell in.
 Amen.**

*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.*



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