

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-First Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

“The Psalmists, in telling everyone to praise God, are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about. The praise not only expresses, but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.”

- C. S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*

“The dance of the Mystery of Christ is always going on: the band playing the music of forgiveness never takes a break. The music of the Mystery, of course, is hidden music: we have to trust that it’s being played... And so the real job of Christians as far as the world is concerned is simply to dance to the hidden music – and to try, by the joy of their dancing, to wake the world up to the party it is already at.”

- Robert Capon, *The Mystery of Christ*

“Where God rules (it implies), his humblest creatures can be themselves; where God is, there is singing. At the creation, ‘the morning stars sang together’; at his coming the earth will at last join in again; meanwhile the Psalter itself shows what effects his presence has on those who, even through a glass, darkly, already see his face.”

- Derek Kidner, *Psalms 73-150*



OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Creation

Bless this liturgy, our worshipful work:

fill the forms to fit our hearts for Heaven

Breathe your Spirit

into Word, Sacrament, and Prayer

That we might be renewed in Your image

and bring glory to Your Name.

Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Rejoice the Lord Is King”

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore:

Refrain:

Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice, rejoice,

Again, I say rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.

When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: *(refrain)*

His Kingdom cannot fail! He rules o’er earth and heav’n;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n: *(refrain)*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come

And take his servants up to their eternal home: *(refrain)*

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 1

Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree

planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Who Is Like The Lord Our God”

Our Father, he lifts from the ashes, he raises the poor and the lost;

He seats them to dine at his table, to feast without money or cost.

The lonely he settles in families, the barren, a mother he makes;

O happy the heart of the stranger who’s welcomed by this King of Grace.

Refrain:

Who is like the Lord our God?

Who with glory fills the sky?

But humbles himself with the broken to dwell,

Who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;

He humbled himself in obedience to Death, and the Cross, and the Grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.

His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise. *(refrain)*

O Saints, fix your eyes on the Savior, and count all your righteousness loss;

Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in victory, imparted to you, may abound;

And sharing the suff’rings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown. *(refrain)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord:

Thou my great Father; I thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always:

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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 | Psalm 96

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Sanctuary: Psalms of the Soul Room

Sermon - “The Splendor of His Holiness”

- 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 earnestly 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 | Act 5:30-32

“The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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 | “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.**

† BENECTION | 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

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.



ST. PATRICK

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Helpful Links:



If you are new to St. Patrick or have a prayer request, please fill out the portion below. You may place your liturgy in the offering plate or in the designated basket in the Narthex as you leave.

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NEED PRAYER?

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