Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Fifth Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Four Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

"Remember me..."

- Disney's Coco

"In one of his last acts before death, Jesus forgave a thief dangling on a cross, knowing full well the thief had converted out of plain fear. That thief would never study the Bible, never attend synagogue or church, and never make amends to all those he had wronged. He simply said 'Jesus, remember me,' and Jesus promised, 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' It was another shocking reminder that grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us."

- Philip Yancey, What's So Amazing About Grace?

"What is promised to the robber does not alleviate his present sufferings, nor make any abatement of his bodily punishment... but... all our afflictions ought to be mitigated and soothed by this single consolation, that as soon as God has received us into his favor, all the afflictions which we endure are aids to our salvation. This will cause our faith not only to rise victorious over all our distresses, but to enjoy calm repose amidst the endurance of sufferings."

- John Calvin, Commentary on Luke



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 | "God Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me; On thy grace I rest my plea. Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now; Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress. I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face; I confess thy judgement just; speechless, I, thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart; Make me pure, thy grace bestow; wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just, Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice; From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true. Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

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⁺ CALL TO WORSHIP | Philippians 2:4-11 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

⁺ HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | "His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

> What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father, so tender, is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Refrain:

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment, his life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, his mercy is more (refrain)

What glory of presence, the Lamb on the throne, Now tending a garden of our future home: A city of nations where tears are no more, The table is ready, his mercy outpoured. (refrain)

"There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away. Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

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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.

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

+ 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.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Famous Last Words Sermon: "With Me in Paradise" - Rev. Joshua Smith

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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.

READING OF GOD'S WORD | Luke 23: 39-43 This is the Word of the Lord.

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN | 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 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 hypass 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 | "Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me! Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love Leading onward, leading homeward to thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore! How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore! How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best! Tis an ocean vast of blessing, tis a haven sweet of rest! O the deep, deep love of Jesus, tis a heaven of heavens to me; And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

+ BENEDICTION | Matthew 16: 24-25

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find 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.



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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