

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twentieth Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Men despise religion; they hate it and fear it is true. To remedy this, we must begin by showing that religion is not contrary to reason; that it is venerable, to inspire respect for it; then we must make it lovable, to make good men hope it is true; finally, we must prove it is true.”

- Blaise Pascal, *Pensées*, 187

“When we speak about ‘dis-enchantment’ in the modern world, it’s important to remember that it is people who are disenchanted, not the world. The world is as vast, mysterious, poetic and disclosive as it ever was, it is merely the quality of our attention that has changed.”

- Joy Marie Clarkson, @joynessthebrave

“It is for this reason that the present age is better than Christendom. In the old Christendom, everyone was a Christian and hardly anyone thought twice about it. But in the present age the survivor of theory and consumption becomes a wayfarer in the desert, like St. Anthony; which is to say, open to signs.”

- Walker Percy, *Signposts in a Strange Land*



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 | “Come Thou Fount”

Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the Mount! I’m fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’ve come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

his name is the Lord; exult before him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

is God in his holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Ordination of Brian Matochik

Ordination Vows

Laying On of Hands

Prayer of Ordination

Installation of Elders: Brian Matochik, Clint Baker, and Larry Powell

Installation Vows

Congregational Vows

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Eternal Weight Of Glory”

Now the days and hours and moments

Of our suff’ring seem so long;

And the toilsome wait and wond’ring

Threaten silence to our song.

Now our pain is real and pressing

Where our faith is thin and weak,

But our hope is set on Jesus;

And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!

Oh inheritance divine!

We will see our Lord redeeming

Every past and future time.

All our pains will be transfigured,

Like the scars of Christ our Lord.

We will see the weight of glory,

And our broken years restored.

Refrain:

For behold! I tell a myst’ry:

At the trumpet sound we’ll wake

“Death is swallowed up in vict’ry!”

When we meet our King of Grace

Every year we thought was wasted

Every night we cried “How long?”

All will be a passing moment

In our Savior’s vict’ry song

We will see our wounded Savior.

We’ll behold him face to face;

And we’ll hear our anguished stories

Sung as vict’ry songs of grace. (refrain)

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father's love for us,

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss,

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the chosen One,

Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,

My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,

Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life

I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything

No gifts, no power, no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ

His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart

His wounds have paid my ransom.

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 | I Peter 2:9-13; 3:14-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Saturate

Sermon: “Telling a Better Story”

- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father,

We confess that we have brought nothing to this table:

Our vows were often empty words;

Our vanities, the loves of empty hearts;

Our vision for ourselves pursued with empty actions;

Our violence toward our idols, empty threats.

Apart from you we can do nothing.

Please pardon the iniquity of this people,

according to the greatness of your steadfast love,

in Christ Jesus, our all in all.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Numbers 14:20-21

Then the Lord said, “I have pardoned, according to your word... truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord...”

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.**

† BENEDICTION | Psalm 72:19 & Habakkuk 2:14

Blessed be his glorious name forever;

may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

**Amen and Amen! For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.**

*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.*



**Now Available!
New ways to give to St. Patrick:**



Fiscal Fitness

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2022 and ended on June 30, 2023 was based on a 3.1% increase in unrestricted giving. Unrestricted giving exceeded budget and finished the fiscal year at a 4.5% increase. Below is the latest financial update as of the month ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$116,064	\$1,651,570
<u>Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings</u>	<u>106,720</u>	<u>1,630,000</u>
Favorable (unfavorable)	\$ 9,344	\$ 21,570

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024 is based on unrestricted giving of \$1.695 million, which represents a 2.6% increase.

As of June 30, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$115 thousand in cash restricted for facilities. This restricted cash balance will be used to cover any unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

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