# Order of Public Worship of God

The Third Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Four Third Sunday in Lent

#### PRELUDE

"Our Lord brings into being the brotherhood of believers. He fashions the fellowship of the household of faith. This is the new society, which is not segregated according to race or nationality. It is not predicated upon social standing or economic power. It consists of those whose faith meets at the cross, and whose experience of forgiveness flows from the cross."

- Mariano DiGangi, "Words from the Cross"

"Whom do you perceive God to be, in your sin and your suffering? Who do you think God is-not just on paper but in the kind of person you believe is hearing you when you pray? How does he feel about you? His saving of us is not cool and calculating. It is a matter of yearning."

- Dane Ortlund, Gentle and Lowly

Near the cross her vigil keeping Stood the mother worn with weeping Where he hung the dving Lord Through her soul, in anguish groaning Bowed in sorrow, sighing, moaning Passed the sharp and piercing sword

- Jacopone da Todi, 13th century poem

### **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 With Thy Church Abide"

Jesus, with thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure, grant her patience to endure, Trusting in the promise sure: We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity, Winning all to faith in thee: We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find, And the brokenhearted bind: We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

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† CALL TO WORSHIP   Philippians 2:4-11	INVC
Let each of you look not only to his own interests,	Ou
but also to the interests of others.	1
Have this mind among yourselves,	Th
which is yours in Christ Jesus,	t
Who, though he was in the form of God,	(
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,	Giv
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,	and
being born in the likeness of men.	6
And being found in human form,	and
he humbled himself by becoming obedient	1
to the point of death, even death on a cross.	For
Therefore God has highly exalted him	2
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,	An
So that at the name of Jesus	
every knee should bow,	Givi
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,	
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,	MUS

# + HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | "Who Is Like The Lord Our God"

to the glory of God the Father.

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)

#### "Psalm 126"

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord.

# Refrain:

Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing The seeds of your Kingdom for the day you will reap them. Your sheaves we will carry, Lord, please do not tarry All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!" The nations will sing songs of joy Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord. (refrain)

OCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. hy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ive us this day our daily bread, nd forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, nd lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. or thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. men.

ISICAL OFFERING

<sup>†</sup> 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.

READING OF GOD'S WORD | John 19: 25-27 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Famous Last Words Sermon: "Behold Thy Mother" - Rev. Greg Aydt

#### VING 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.

# 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 | "My Hope Is Built"

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

#### Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. (refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, Support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay. (refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found. Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. (refrain)

#### † 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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**NEED PRAYER?** 

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