

Order of Public Worship of God

The Fifth Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man....It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest.”

- C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“That dreadful sorrow and anxiety then, out of which the prayer for the passing of the cups brings, is not an expression of fear before a dark destiny, nor a shrinking from the prospect of physical suffering and death. It is rather the horror of one who lives wholly for the Father at the prospect of the alienation from God which is entailed in the judgment upon sin which Jesus assumes... Jesus came to be with the Father...before his betrayal, but hell rather than heaven opened before him, and he staggered.”

- William Lane, *The Gospel According to Mark*



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
before you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
That we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from this labor’s rest,
To thee by faith before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed: Alleluia! Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight,
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light: Alleluia! Allelu!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold: Alleluia, Allelu!

The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest,
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest: Alleluia! Allelu!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day,
The saints triumphant rise in bright array,
The King of glory passes on his way: Alleluia! Allelu!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 34:1-6

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
 dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM | *Dylan Crawford*

CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM | *James Lewis Crawford*

Parents:

Do you acknowledge Lewis’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 Lewis and by faith do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation as you do your own?

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

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for Lewis, to teach him 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 Lewis 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 Lewis, to provide, as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that he 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 | “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six wingèd seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

“Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”

Ten thousand times ten thousand, in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steeps of light.
’Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps proclaims the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes, a thousandfold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings on Canaan’s happy shore;
What knitting severed friendships up where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless nor widows desolate.

Bring near thy great salvation, thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of thine elect, then take thy power and reign.
Appear, Desire of Nations, thine exiles long for home.
Show in the heav’ns thy promised sign; thou Prince and Savior, come!

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 | Habakkuk 2: 4-20

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

SERMON | Series - Habakkuk: The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Sermon - "A Future and a Hope"
- 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 humbly 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 | from Hebrews 7

It was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens... He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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 | "Jesus Shall Reign"

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.**

**Where he displays his healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more:
In him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!**

† BENECTION | Adapted from a Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with a restless discomfort,
that you may seek truth and love deep within your heart.
May God bless you with holy anger,
that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom and peace for all.
May God bless you with the gift of tears,
that you may reach out your hand with empathy to comfort the brokenhearted.
May God bless you with enough foolishness to embrace the cross,
that you are able, by God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.
Thanks be to God.

*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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