

Order of Public Worship of God

The Second Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

“And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.”

- Friedrich Nietzsche

“In Christianity: The Cross is the Center and there is no Circumference.”

- Charles Williams

“I could accept Jesus as a martyr, and embodiment of sacrifice, and a divine teacher. His death on the cross was a great example to the world, but that there was anything like a mysterious or miraculous virtue in it, my heart could not accept.”

- Mahatma Gandhi, *An Autobiography*



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 | “All Glory Laud and Honor”

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and Blessed One. *(refrain)***

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply. *(refrain)***

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems, before thee we present. *(refrain)***

**To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(refrain)***

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *(refrain)***

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!”

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

John and Julianne Booth; Blake and Helen Burgess; Sanyer Kendrick; Savannah Pilz;

Ben and Lauren Weir

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered through the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service to God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

WELCOME INTO THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

**Christ be with you, Christ within you,
Christ behind you, Christ before you,
Christ beside you, Christ to win you,
Christ to comfort and restore you,
Christ beneath you, Christ above you,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in the hearts of those that love you,
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.**

~ Adapted from the Prayer of St. Patrick

CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM

Warren George Wolters, infant son of Winston and Madeline (Sanders) Wolters

Parents:

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

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Warren 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 Warren, 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 Warren 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 Warren?

Do you commit yourselves to set a Godly example before Warren, 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 | “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)***

“The Breastplate of St. Patrick”

**When my work takes me places I don’t wanna to go:
Christ before me.**

**When my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road:
Christ, be with me.**

**When the care of my family takes all that I have:
Christ within me.**

**When I’m worn and exhausted, ashamed that I’m mad:
Christ, defend me.**

Refrain:

**I rise up today in a strength that is not my own
I’m held by the promise of God
That I’m never alone.**

**When I’m tossed to the side and I wanna give up:
Christ beside me.**

**When I’m breaking my back, but it’s never enough:
Christ beside me.**

**When I work hard, but someone else gets the reward:
God’s eyes see me.**

**When I ask for promotion, but they shut the door:
God’s ears hear me. *(refrain)***

**When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream:
Christ above me.**

**When I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings:
Christ beneath me.**

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 | Acts 21:17-36

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

SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: "Living Under the Cross"
- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN | *from the 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 here at St. Patrick?

*As the ushers come past your row, please come to the front, take one piece of bread and one cup of wine or juice.
Consume these immediately and dispose of your cups in the receptacle on the side as you return to your seat. Each
table serves both wine and grape juice, and all of our bread is gluten-free.*

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 | "Come Thou Almighty King"

**Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing; help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!**

**Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword; our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!**

**Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who Almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!**

**To thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be; hence, evermore
Thy sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,
And to eternity, Love and adore!**

† BENEDICTION | Isaiah 58:11-12

And the Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters do not fail.

**And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.
Amen.**

*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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