

## Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Eighth Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

### PRELUDE

“Faith in the gospel re-structures our motivations, our self-understanding and identity, and our view of the world. Behavioral compliance to rules without heart-change will be superficial and fleeting. The gospel changes your heart.”

- Tim Keller, “The Gospel: Key to Change” (www.monergism.com)

“The measure of all love is its giving. The measure of the love of God is the cross.”

- J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*

“God is the first and most generous giver. God made the first move. And the second. And the third.”

- Gordan MacDonald, *Generosity: Toward a Life that is Truly Life*



### 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 Ye Sinners”

**Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;**

**Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.**

**He is able, he is able; he is willing, doubt no more.**

**Come ye needy; come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;**

**True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;**

**If you tarry ’til you’re better, you will never come at all.**

**Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;**

**All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.**

**This he gives you, this he gives you, ’tis the Spirit’s rising beam.**

**Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;**

**Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.**

**None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 1

Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**but his delight is in the law of the Lord,**

**and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree

planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,**

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Thy Mercy My God”

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,**

**The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.**

**Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,**

**Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.**

**Without thy sweet mercy, I could not live here,**

**For sin would reduce me to utter despair;**

**But through thy free goodness my spirits revive,**

**And he that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart**

**Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.**

**Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground**

**And weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.**

**Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own**

**And the covenant love of thy crucified Son.**

**All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine**

**Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!**

“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!

### 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 | II Corinthians 8: 1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON | Sanctuary: Psalms of the Soul Room

Sermon - “The Big Idea of Generosity”

- 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 earnestly 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 | Act 5:30-32

“The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.
God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel
and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy
Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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 | “How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

† BENEDECTION | 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do 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.

Form with sections: NEW HERE? (Name, Phone, Email) and NEED PRAYER? (multiple lines for text). Includes contact information at the bottom: Mailing address, Church Location, Phone, Website, Facebook, and Twitter.

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