

# Order of Public Worship of God

The Nineteenth Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

## PRELUDE

“Traumatized people chronically feel unsafe inside their bodies: The past is alive in the form of gnawing interior discomfort.”

- Bessel A. van der Kolk, *The Body Keeps the Score*

“Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak  
Whispers the o-erfought heart and bids it break.”

- William Shakespeare, *Macbeth* (Act 4, scene 3)

“Songs in the night anticipate the glad arrival of the eternal dawn in which the faithful shall receive their ultimate vindication.”

- O. Palmer Robertson, *Commentary on Habakkuk*



## 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 | “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

*Refrain:*

**We will feast in the house of Zion.**  
**We will sing with our hearts restored.**  
**“He has done great things,” we will say together.**  
**We will feast, and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire;**  
**He is the Lord our God.**

**We are not consumed by the flood—**  
**Upheld, protected, gathered up.** (*refrain*)

**In the dark of night before the dawn,**  
**My soul be not afraid;**  
**For the promised morning, oh how long!**  
**O God of Jacob, be my strength!** (*refrain*)

**Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,**  
**You are the faithful One;**  
**And from the garden to the grave,**  
**bind us together, bring shalom.** (*refrain*)

## † 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;**  
**dwelt 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.**

## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

*Betsy Holland Raines, Donovan Asher Smith, John-Wendell Holland Raines,  
Josie Anne Cottle, Harper Joy Weir, Samuel Thorn Cantrell*

## CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM | *Harper Joy Weir, Samuel Thorn Cantrell*

## 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*

## † 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*)

“Our Help and Strength”  
How long, O Lord, will you delay?  
Our grief and sorrow lend their sound.  
How long until Your arm will save,  
As justice withers on the ground?

Look up and be amazed:  
Before our Savior heard our cries  
His plan was blossoming  
To make his truth and justice rise  
To make his truth and justice rise

O Holy One, eternal God  
Will You not hear, will You not see?  
We watch and wait, we make our plea  
We place our hope in You to speak  
Yet shall we hope and trust  
Come saturate, make Your way known  
Make faith our way of life  
And silence us before your throne  
And silence us before your throne

Though trees are bare and vines don't bloom,  
Though earth may shake and violence strike,  
In wrath, remember mercy sweet;  
Come save Your children from our plight  
O God, come fill the earth  
That all may know Your majesty  
And we'll take joy in You  
Our help and strength You'll ever be  
Our help and strength You'll ever be

## 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 3: 16-19

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

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

Sermon - "Yet I Will Rejoice"  
- Rev. Joshua Smith

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

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | "And Can It Be"

**And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?**  
**Died He for me who caused His pain! For me who Him to death pursued?**  
**Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?**

*Refrain:*

**Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**  
**Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! *(refrain)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. *(refrain)*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, thru Christ my own.  
*(refrain)*

† BENEDICTION | 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.*



Helpful Links:



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