

Order of Public Worship of God

The Thirteenth Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are still alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger for them.”

- George Eliot, *Middlemarch*

“Our life at the table, no matter how mundane, is sacramental — a means through which we encounter the mystery of God.”

- Tim Chester, *A Meal with Jesus*

“The natural dependence of man upon the world was intended to be transformed constantly into communion with God in whom is all life.”

- Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*



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 | “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given,

For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

his name is the Lord; exult before him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

is God in his holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my Strength, my victory wins. *(refrain)*

Jesus! What a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking, he, my Comfort, helps my soul. *(refrain)*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *(refrain)*

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,

She is his new creation, by water and the Word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;

With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;

Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;

One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;

Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”

And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,

She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;

‘Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,

And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we

Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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 | Deuteronomy 16:14-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Saturate

Sermon: “Feasting Families”

- Rev. Joshua Smith

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father,

We confess that we have brought nothing to this table:

Our vows were often empty words;

Our vanities, the loves of empty hearts;

Our vision for ourselves pursued with empty actions;

Our violence toward our idols, empty threats.

Apart from you we can do nothing.

Please pardon the iniquity of this people,

according to the greatness of your steadfast love,

in Christ Jesus, our all in all.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Numbers 14:20-21

Then the Lord said, "I have pardoned, according to your word... truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord..."

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 | "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

† BENEDICTION | Psalm 72:19 & Habakkuk 2:14

Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
**Amen and Amen! For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.**

*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.*



Now Available!
New ways to give to St. Patrick:



Fiscal Fitness

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2022 and ended on June 30, 2023 was based on a 3.1% increase in unrestricted giving. Unrestricted giving exceeded budget and finished the fiscal year at a 4.5% increase. Below is the latest financial update as of the month ended June 30, 2023:

| | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings | \$116,064 | \$1,651,570 |
| Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings | 106,720 | 1,630,000 |
| Favorable (unfavorable) | \$ 9,344 | \$ 21,570 |

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024 is based on unrestricted giving of \$1.695 million, which represents a 2.6% increase.

As of June 30, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$115 thousand in cash restricted for facilities. This restricted cash balance will be used to cover any unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

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