

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twelfth Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

“...disappointment and betrayal also mark human relationships, even those joined in the gospel.”

- Willie James Jennings, *Acts*

“Uneasiness about justification [by grace alone] produced a flowering of asceticism reflecting an unconscious need for lists of clean and unclean activities and a rebirth of Pharisaism.”

- Richard Lovelace, *Dynamics of Spiritual Life*

“Paul was a reed in non-essentials—an iron pillar in essentials.”

- John Newton



OPENING PRAYER | Augustine, 354-430 A.D.

Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of your brightness.
Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.
All our desire is known to you,
therefore perfect what you have begun,
and what your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek your face,
turn your face to us and show us your glory.
Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “O Worship the King”

**O Worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercy how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 22:25-28

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord!**

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

**For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “God the Spirit”

**Holy fount of inspiration by whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation marvelous and manifold**

Refrain:

**God the Spirit we adore Thee, in the Triune Godhead One
One in love and power and glory with the Father and the Son**

**Author of the new creation, giver of the second birth
May thy ceaseless renovation cleanse our souls from stains of earth** *(refrain)*

**When we wander Lord direct us, keep us in the Master’s way
Let thy strong swift sword protect us warring in the evil day** *(refrain)*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to 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 | Acts 15:36 - 16:10

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

SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: “The Ministry of the Cross”

- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Psalm 103:11–12

“As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

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 | “The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

**The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks.
The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand
And glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.**

**The King there in his beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with his fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.**

**O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love.
The streams of love I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fulness, his mercy doth expand
And glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.**

**The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace!
Not at the crown he giveth, but on his pierced hand,
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.**

**Oh! I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner, into his house of wine.
I stand upon his merit, I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.**

† BENEDICTION | Ephesians 3:17-19

“May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of 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.*



Upcoming Events and Registrations:



Fiscal Fitness

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2023 is based on unrestricted giving of \$1.63 million. The unrestricted operating cash reserve fund balance began the current fiscal year with approximately \$835 thousand. Below is the latest financial update for the month ended January 31, 2023:

	Month	Year-to-date
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$ 90,968	\$1,008,809
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	94,339	1,041,745
Favorable (unfavorable)	(\$ 3,371)	(\$ 32,936)

As of January 31, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$152 thousand in cash restricted for facilities. This restricted cash balance will be used to fund minimum principle payments and cover any unexpected, unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

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