

Order of Public Worship of God

The Fifth Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Second Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“I’ll believe in anyone or anything that’ll batter these cursed Telmarine barbarians to pieces or drive them out of Narnia. Anyone or anything, Aslan or the White Witch, do you understand?”

- C.S. Lewis, *Prince Caspian*

“The danger is to press into technique imagining its tight execution as the key to loosening death’s agents’ stronghold on life.”

- Willie James Jennings, *Acts*

“The grace which is exhibited in or by the sacraments rightly used, is not conferred by any power in them; neither does the efficacy of a sacrament depend upon the piety or intention of him that does administer it: but upon the work of the Spirit.”

- The Westminster Confession of Faith 27:3



OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God,
Who gathers his pilgrims for a Lenten feast day:
an oasis in the wilderness of discipline
Refresh us with your Spirit;
Give us bread for the journey
in Word, sacrament, and prayer
Prepare our hearts to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection
with gladness and gratitude at Your perfect provision for us.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus”

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to thy glorious rest above!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
Tis an ocean vast of blessing, tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!**

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 32:1-5, 10-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.**

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

*Lillian Adams, Caleb Adams, Jonathan Adams, Tobias “Toby” Adams,
Sterling Dill, Draper Dill, Talbott Dill, Jason and Caroline Thomas*

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 BAPTISM | *Caleb Adams, Jonathan Adams, Tobias “Toby” Adams*

CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM | *Ellorie Michael Thomas*

Parents:

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

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Ellorie to God, and do you promise by relying on God’s power and grace through the Holy Spirit to live an exemplary life before her?

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for Ellorie, to teach her 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 Ellorie 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 this child?

Do you commit yourselves to set a Godly example before her, to provide, as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that she 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 | “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father; I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

“Psalm 126”

**Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord.**

Refrain:

**Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of your Kingdom for the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry, Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.**

**The nations will say, “He has done great things!”
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord. (*refrain*)**

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 19:1-20

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

SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: "Am I Doing It Right?"
- Rev. Joshua Smith

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 | "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

† 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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