

Order of Public Worship of God

The Seventh Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

First Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.”

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“Man is a hungry being. But he is hungry for God. Behind all the hunger of our life is God. All Desire is finally a desire for Him.”

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

“The mark of authentic spiritual experience is that you become satisfied with God for Who He is and not just for the benefits He gives you.”

- Jonathan Edwards, *The Religious Affections*



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 | “Satisfied”

**All my lifelong I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.**

**Feeding on the filth around me, ’til my strength was almost gone;
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on. *(refrain)***

**Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered ’round me only mocked my soul’s sad cry. *(refrain)***

**Well of water, ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me. *(refrain)***

† 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 | “His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done

Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What father, so tender, is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Refrain:

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us

His blood was the payment, his life was the cost

We stood ’neath a debt we could never afford

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(refrain)*

What glory of presence, the Lamb on the throne,

Now tending a garden of our future home:

A city of nations where tears are no more,

The table is ready, his mercy outpoured. *(refrain)*

“In You, O Lord, I Am Found”

O Lord, you know me and search me out:

My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,

My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,

My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;

I long for you but from you I hide.

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.

You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;

You wrote with love each one of my days.

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,

So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?

No height, nor depth can separate me:

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight

And night overtakes my troubled mind

In darkness you, my Daylight will shine

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

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 | Psalm 63

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Sanctuary: Psalms of the Soul Room
Sermon - "Hungering For God"
- 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 | "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

Praise the Savior, now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying, suff'ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise!
Praise the Savior, now and ever: praise him, all beneath the skies.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness.
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.
Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered, Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger, Hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison, O'er the tomb he light has shed.
Sin's bond severed, we're delivered, Christ has bruised the serpent's head.

For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing.
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit, he doth us salvation bring.
Praise the Savior, now and ever, praise him all, our Lord and King.

† BENEDICTION | 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.*

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