

## Order of Public Worship of God

The Fifth Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

*Fifth Sunday in Easter*

### PRELUDE

“Thus, citizenship represents the constraining conditions within which disciples must work, knowing that the only political position we should take is one calibrated to the goal of announcing the redemption of creaturely life, and the overturning of all that which would destroy God’s creation.”

- Willie James Jennings, *Acts*

“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven.”

- N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

“This very concept of the new race caused much of the popular opposition to Christianity in the first few centuries, but... it was also the victory that overcame the world, as Christians lived as members of a new race [new nation] and paradoxically won the masses.”

- Karen Jobes, *I Peter*



### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,**  
**Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ**  
**overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:**  
**Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection,**  
**may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

### † HYMN OF WORSHIP | “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;**  
**Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.**  
**For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;**  
**His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,**  
**On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,**  
**Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.**  
**Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;**  
**Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,**  
**And he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,**  
**We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.**  
**The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;**  
**His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;**  
**One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;**  
**The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.**  
**Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;**  
**The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still;**  
**His kingdom is forever.**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP | I Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*Jacob Brady, Rachel Campbell, Emily Erhardt, Bobby McAlexander,*  
*Mary Alice Murphy, John Olson, Jacob Orellana, Charlie Stimpson,*  
*Anneke van Wijk, Lily van Wijk, and Henry Williams*

### CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES | *Luke Bolton*

### PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES | *Will Weir*

### † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Thy Mercy, My God”

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,**  
**The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.**  
**Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,**  
**Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.**

**Without thy sweet mercy, I could not live here,**  
**For sin would reduce me to utter despair;**  
**But through thy free goodness my spirits revive,**  
**And he that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart**  
**Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.**  
**Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground**  
**And weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.**

**Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own**  
**And the covenant love of thy crucified Son.**  
**All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine**  
**Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!**

“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.**

### 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 25:1-27

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: “Citizenship”

- Rev. James M. Holland

### PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
 We are thankful that your mercy is  
 higher than the heavens,  
 wider than our wanderings,  
 deeper than all our sin.  
 Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,  
 our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,  
 our envy of those who have more than we have,  
 our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
 our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
 our neglect of your wise and gracious law.  
 Help us to change our way of life  
 so that we may desire what is good,  
 love what you love,  
 and do what you command,  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Psalm 103:8; 13

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...  
 As a father shows compassion to his children,  
 so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

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 | “Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
 Does his successive journeys run;  
 His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
 'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
 And praises throng to crown his head;  
 His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
 With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
 Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
 And infant voices shall proclaim  
 Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
 The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
 The weary find eternal rest,  
 And all the sons of want are blessed.

Where he displays his healing power,  
 Death and the curse are known no more:

In him the tribes of Adam boast  
 More blessings than their father lost.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
 His grateful honors to our King;  
 Angels descend with songs again,  
 And earth repeat the loud amen!

† BENEDICTION | Revelation 5:12-13

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth  
 and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!  
**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor  
 and glory and might forever and ever!**

Alleluia! He is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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 March 31, 2023:

	Month	Year-to-date
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$ 95,754	\$1,205,429
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	147,978	1,298,509
Favorable (unfavorable)	(\$ 52,224)	(\$ 93,080)

As of March 31, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$137 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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