

Order of Public Worship of God

The Fourth Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Trinity Sunday

PRELUDE

“Wisdom means becoming competent with regard to the realities of life: how things really happen, how things really are, and what to do about it.”

- Gerhard Von Rad, *Wisdom in Israel*

“...[wisdom is] the skill to navigate through the maze of life so that one conducts one’s life to the greatest benefits of oneself and the community.”

- Bruce Waltke and Ivan DeSilva, *Proverbs*

“There is something which unites magic and applied science (technology) while separating them from the ‘wisdom’ of earlier ages. For the wise men of old, the cardinal problem of human life was how to conform the soul to objective reality, and the solution was wisdom, self-discipline, and virtue. For the modern, the cardinal problem is how to conform reality to the wishes of man, and the solution is a technique.”

- C. S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*



OPENING PRAYER | from St. Augustine

**Great You are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised;
great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite.
You would that we praise without ceasing.
You call us to delight in Your praise,
for You have made us for Yourself,
and our hearts find not rest until we rest in You;
To whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit
all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed,
both now and forevermore. Amen.**

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “All Creatures Of Our God And King”

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam!**

Refrain:

**O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise him! Alleluia!**
**Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice! (refrain)**

**And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!**
**Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care! (refrain)**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!**
**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One! (refrain)**

† CALL TO WORSHIP | from Job 28

“Where shall wisdom be found?

And where is the place of understanding?

Man does not know its worth,

and it is not found in the land of the living.

From where, then, does wisdom come?

And where is the place of understanding?

It is hidden from the eyes of all living

God understands the way to it,

and he knows its place.

For he looks to the ends of the earth

and sees everything under the heavens.

And he said to man,

‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,

and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM | *Amy Floyd Bailey*

Infant daughter of Brian and Natalie Bailey

Parents:

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

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Amy Floyd 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 Amy Floyd, 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 Amy Floyd 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 Amy Floyd?

Do you commit yourselves to set a Godly example before Amy Floyd, 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 | “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Refrain:

**We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (refrain)**

**In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength! (refrain)**

**Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom. (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 | Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:13-20

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

SERMON | Series: The Book of Suburbs

Sermon: "The Value of Wisdom"
- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God,
We confess that we have done what was right in our own eyes,
failing in fear of the Lord who alone knows the hearts of humanity.
We come now to Him who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him:
Fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus,
who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
So that, as it is written,
"Let the one who boasts, boast in 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 | "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.**

† BENEDICTION | Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
**"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. 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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