

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twelfth Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Third Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“I have gazed on the walls of impregnable Babylon along which chariots may race, and on the Zeus by the banks of the Alpheus; I have seen the hanging gardens, and the Colossus of the Helios, the great man-made mountains of the lofty pyramids, and the gigantic tomb of Mausolus; but when I saw the sacred house of Artemis that towers to the clouds, the others were placed in the shade, for the sun himself has never looked upon its equal outside Olympus.”

- Antipater of Sidon, *Greek Anthology* IX.58

“Every man who has in his soul a secret feeling of revolt against any act of the State, of life, or of destiny, is on the verge of riot; and so soon as it appears, he begins to quiver, and to feel himself borne away by the whirlwind.”

- Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*



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 | “Come Thou Fount”

Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the Mount! I’m fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’ve come;
 And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

† 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.

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Jesus With Thy Church Abide”

Jesus, with thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:

We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure, grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in the promise sure:

We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in thee:

We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find,
And the brokenhearted bind:

We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

 “**The Church’s One Foundation”**

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation, by water and the Word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
 ‘Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
 And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with 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 19:23-41

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

SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local
Sermon: “Start a Riot”
- 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.”

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 | “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous Cross,
on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, My God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

† 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.*



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:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
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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