

# Preparing for Worship

For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRELUDE



## God Calls Us

Leader: Let us rise and worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the Day that the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

† INTROIT # 290 – *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: The Lord bless you!**

† CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 93

Leader: Sing praise to Jesus, for He has triumphed gloriously.

**People: All His enemies He has utterly destroyed.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 457 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## God Cleanses Us

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

**People: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we, being defended from fear of our enemies, may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 1:7-10

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news! (*congregation stands*)  
Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!



Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is proper and right to do so.**

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE AND PRAISE # 455 – *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

## God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING Luke 24:44-53

† SECOND READING Acts 1:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT John 18:1-27

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *When God Fails*  
Pastor Faris Paxton

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 166 – *Wondrous King, All-Glorious*

## God Communes With Us

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

**People: And His mercy endures forever!**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Roland James Wedgworth*

† PSALM OF REJOICING Psalm 98a

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Passing of the Bread #101 – *Come, Thou Almighty King*  
Passing of the Wine #100 – *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

† GLORIA PATRI #735

† CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**People: 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 Spirit, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen!**

## God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand

‡ With hands uplifted

