

# Service of Worship

**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.

Leader: The Lord be with you!  
**People: The Lord bless you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE

## God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 45:18-20a

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen!**

† INTROIT # 2 – O Worship the King

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 32

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!  
**For praise from the upright is beautiful.**

For the word of the Lord is right,  
**And all His work is done in truth.**

He loves righteousness and justice;  
**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
**And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
**Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.**

For He spoke, and it was done;  
**He commanded, and it stood fast.**

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
**He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.**

The counsel of the Lord stands forever,  
**The plans of His heart to all generations.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
**The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.**

No king is saved by the multitude of an army;  
**A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.**

A horse is a vain hope for safety;  
**Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,  
on those who hope in His mercy,

**to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**  
Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

**For our heart shall rejoice in Him,**  
**Because we have trusted in His holy name.**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,  
**Just as we hope in You.**

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth  
**People: He will hear their cry and save them!**

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 21 – Sing Praise to the Lord

## God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (Let those who are able kneel)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and 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!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Joel 2:12-13

Leader: 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.**

## God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING 1 Samuel 17:1-11,32-58

† SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord—  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Ephesians 6:10-20

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON The Armor of God  
Elder Bill Grete

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 580 – Lead On, O King Eternal

## God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
**People: And His mercy endures forever!**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE  
Passing of the Bread # 347 – The Church's One Foundation (vv. 1-3)  
Passing of the Wine # 347 – The Church's One Foundation (vv. 4-6)

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

**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

