

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 Zephaniah 3:14-17

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

† INTROIT # 119 – *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 34:11-22

Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is the man who desires life,
And loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.
He guards all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.
The Lord redeems the soul of His servants,
And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

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 # 198 – *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*



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 Colossians 1:12-14

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 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

† SECOND READING Mark 6:30-44

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Mark 5:1-20

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *The Demonic of Gadara*
Mr. Ron White

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 457 – *Come Thou Fount*



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 # 422 – *'Twas on That Night* (vv. 1-3)
Passing of the Wine # 422 – *'Twas on That Night* (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

