

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 Psalm 95:1-6

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

† INTROIT # 381 – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 35:1-9

Plead my cause, O Lord, with those who strive with me;
Fight against those who fight against me.
Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for my help.

Also draw out the spear,
And stop those who pursue me.

Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."
**Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor
who seek after my life;**

Let those be turned back and brought to confusion who plot my hurt.
**Let them be like chaff before the wind,
and let the angel of the Lord chase them.**

Let their way be dark and slippery,
And let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit,
Which they have dug without cause for my life.

Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly,
And let his net that he has hidden catch himself;

Into that very destruction let him fall.
And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord.

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

† PSALM OF APPROACH Psalm 98a



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 Psalm 103:8-12

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 Ezekiel 36:21-38

† SECOND READING Luke 24

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Acts 1:1-5

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Acts & The Message of Jesus*
Mr. Nicholas Barnes

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 441 – *Jesus Shall Reign*



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 # 254 – *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*
Passing of the Wine # 252 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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

