

# 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

## God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Zechariah 8:20-22

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

† INTROIT # 297 – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 107 (selected)  
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
**For His mercy endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
**Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**  
Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,  
**And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**  
For He satisfies the longing soul,  
**And fills the hungry soul with goodness.**  
Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
bound in affliction and irons—

**Because they rebelled against the words of God,**  
**and despised the counsel of the Most High,**  
Therefore He brought down their heart with labor;  
**They fell down, and there was none to help.**

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
**And He saved them out of their distresses.**  
Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,  
**And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**  
For He commands and raises the stormy wind,  
**Which lifts up the waves of the sea.**

Man's soul melts because of trouble.  
**They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,**  
**and are at their wits' end.**

Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble,  
**And He brings them out of their distresses.**  
Then they are glad because the waves are quiet;  
**So He guides them to their desired haven.**

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,  
**And for His wonderful works to the children of men!**  
Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people,  
**And praise Him in the company of the elders.**  
He turns rivers into a wilderness,  
**And the watersprings into dry ground;**  
He turns a wilderness into pools of water,  
**And dry land into watersprings.**

There He makes the hungry dwell,  
**That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,**

And sow fields and plant vineyards,  
**That they may yield a fruitful harvest.**  
Whoever is wise will observe these things,  
**And they will understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.**

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 # 521 – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

## 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 1 Peter 3:18

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!

Hal-le - lu - jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.  
Glo - ry to You, O Lord, both now and for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

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 Psalm 73:25-28

† SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Psalm 13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *When God Is Nowhere to Be Found*  
Mr. Wes Strebeck

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 128 – *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

## 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 Psalm 98a (vv. 1-3)  
Passing of the Wine Psalm 98a (vv. 4-7)

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 Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the prophets.**

**And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

## God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand  
‡ With hands uplifted

