# 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** 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. People: Amen!

† INTROIT # 296 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 128

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,

Who walks in His ways.

When you eat the labor of your hands,

You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

In the very heart of your house,

Your children like olive plants all around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you out of Zion,

And may you see the good of Jerusalem

All the days of your life.

Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

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 # 357 – Let Our Choir New Anthems Raise



# God Cleanses Us

**CONFESSION OF SIN** 

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

People: Almighty God, who raised again from the dead our Lord Jesus; I acknowledge that I am unworthy of your redeeming grace. I have not believed your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit, my eyes have been blinded so that I have not discerned His presence with me. Through hardness of heart, my heart has not burned within me as I have heard His Word. I have not trusted in His redeeming power and have been overcome by evil. I have forgotten the joyful news of His victory over death and have not known the things that make for peace. But now in repentance I come to you, begging for your forgiveness. Mercifully grant me cleansing from all my sins, and restore to me the joy of your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen!

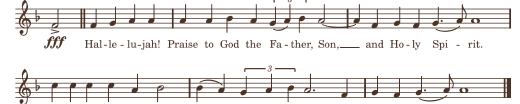
Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:21-26

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!



now and for-ev - er

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

Glo-ry to You, O Lord,

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

both

People: It is proper and right to do so.



## God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING Jeremiah 5:20-31

† SECOND READING Jeremiah 5:20-31

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Jeremiah 5:20-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SERMON** 

The Purpose of Parables Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

# 679 – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



## 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 # 53 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vv. 1-2) Passing of the Wine # 53 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vv. 3-5)

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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the guick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

And we believe in 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.

Amen!



† BENEDICTION

**‡ DOXOLOGY** 

<sup>†</sup> The congregation will please stand

<sup>‡</sup> With hands uplifted

# Notes

# Announcements

## **CHURCH FUNCTIONS**

- Wednesday evening activities: Supper at 5:45, followed by choir and prayer meeting.
- Second Sunday lunch: May 13

### **NURSERY WORKERS**

- Today
  - B. Willoughbys (Sunday School)
  - S. Quarleses (Worship)
- Next Week
  - Durhams (Sunday School)
  - Ethan & Krista (Worship)





FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 29, 2018

9:00 AM Sunday School and 10:30 AM Worship