

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65:1-2,4

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

† INTROIT #53 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 25:1-9
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
They shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
Teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
For they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord;
Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
And teaches the humble his way.

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 Psalm 99C

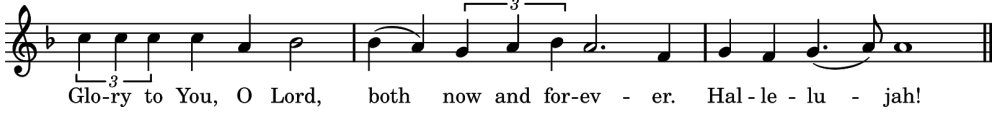

God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (kneeling, if able)
Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
Leader: Father of mercy,
People: It is Your will that we should love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but we fall short. We confess that our affections continually turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, and from love to selfishness. Forgive our sin and have mercy on Your people for the sake of your Son. Cause us to order our lives by Your Holy Word and to make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, that we may live for Your Glory, and show forth Your light into a dark world. 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 Corinthians 1:18-31

† Second Reading Ephesians 6:18-20

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT 1 Timothy 3:14-16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON The Mystery of Godliness
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE #347 – The Church's One Foundation

God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord our God!
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 #499 – Rock of Ages
Passing of the Wine #257 – Stricken Smitten

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
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end! Amen, Amen

† CONFESSION OF FAITH 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.

God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY (with hands uplifted)
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen!**

¹ † The congregation will please stand

