

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 Psalm 67

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

INTROIT # 12 – Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 18-37-50
I pursued my enemies and overtook them,
and did not turn back till they were consumed.

**I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise;
they fell under my feet.**

For you equipped me with strength for the battle;
you made those who rise against me sink under me.

**You made my enemies turn their backs to me,
and those who hated me I destroyed.**

They cried for help, but there was none to save;
they cried to the Lord, but he did not answer them.

**I beat them fine as dust before the wind;
I cast them out like the mire of the streets.**

You delivered me from strife with the people;
you made me the head of the nations;
people whom I had not known served me.

**As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me;
foreigners came cringing to me.**

Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their fortresses.

**The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation—**

the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me,

**who delivered me from my enemies;
yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me;
you rescued me from the man of violence.**

For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.

**Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.**

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 # 257 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
(Those who are able kneel)

Leader: O God, whose chosen dwelling is a heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love:

People: We come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength; Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and for the good we have left undone. But You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion. You are slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; Bind up that which is broken; Give light to our minds; Give strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Let Your Word abide with us and work in us Your holy will. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:9-11

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 Samuel 12:1-5

† SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-6:4

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT 1 Timothy 3:3-5

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Part 6: Governing Your Desires and Your Household
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 719 – A Christian Home

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 # 162 – Of the Father's Love Begotten (verses 1-2)

Passing of the Wine # 162 – Of the Father's Love Begotten (verses 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 quick 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 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!

God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand

‡ With hands uplifted

