

THE DIVINE SERVICE

APRIL 15, 2018 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psalm 19:7-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

INTROIT

SALUTATION MATTHEW 28:19

MINISTER: We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 98

MINISTER: O sing to the LORD a new song!
Shout joyfully to the LORD all the earth!

PEOPLE: **For he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have gained him the victory.**

He is coming to judge the earth.
With righteousness he shall judge the world,
and the peoples with equity.

**He has remembered his mercy
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.**

O come, break forth in song.
Rejoice and sing praises!
Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

* PSALM OF APPROACH Trinity Psalter

Psalm 46 (2nd Version)

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* Congregation Stands

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell¹; 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 quick² and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!

¹hades (*i.e.*, death), ²living, ³universal

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 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.

* SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 12

ELDER: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

PEOPLE: AMEN!

GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST

CONFESSION OF SIN

from "Prone To Wander"

MINISTER: When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Then Abraham laughed and said, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

PEOPLE: **Father, we fall down before you today as saints who love and worship you, and as weak sinners in need of your forgiveness and grace. Like Abraham, we are far more ready to fall down and laugh at your promises than we are to fall down in awe and wonder at your perfect holiness and astounding love.**

Your call to walk blamelessly before you weighs heavily on our hearts. Some of us are aware of just how far short we fall from this command, and we are full of fear and dejected with disappointment in ourselves. Some of us are very blind to our sin and foolishly imagine ourselves to be doing quite well. Lord, thank you that your mercy is more than a match for all our sins of self-hatred and self-righteousness.

As we struggle and fail to live lives of holiness, we thank you for Jesus, who walked blamelessly in our place. Thank that by his goodness and death, we are rescued forever from ourselves.

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTER: Now hear and embrace God's forgiveness in Christ:
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING No. 524

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

PEOPLE: AMEN!

GOD INVITES US TO JOYFUL SACRIFICE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- * DOXOLOGY No. 731
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

- THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

- * THE SERMON TEXT JOHN 8:30-40
MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE



GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

- * SONG OF PREPARATION See Insert
In Christ Alone
PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

- * HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 30
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
PEOPLE: AMEN!
- * BENEDICTION NUMBERS 6:24-26
- * CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN No. 740

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

APRIL 15, 2018 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

- * RESPONSIVE READING PAGES 829-30
PSALM 119:33-56

- * PSALM 43 Trinity Psalter

EVENING PRAYER

- * SERMON TEXT PSALM 40:6-8

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS

BENEDICTION 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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