THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday in Eastertide

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE Air J. Battishill

INTROIT O God, Be Gracious TALLIS' ORDINAL

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 4:1-8

Leader: Answer us when we call, O God of our right! **People: Be gracious to us, and hear our prayer.**

Leader: How long, you people, shall our honor suffer shame? **People:** How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

Leader: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for God's own self;

People: The LORD hears when we call.

Leader: We will all lie down and sleep in peace;

People: For You alone, O LORD, make us lie down in safety.

*HYMN #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

verses 1, 3, 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and holiness: You have revealed Your risen Son to us through the scriptures, but we refuse to recognize Him. We ask that You will open our eyes and deal with our sin. Forgive us and redirect us, O Lord. Cleanse us from all our iniquities and purify our lives. By the blood of Christ, heal us, and by the Holy Spirit, transform us. Free us to engage in holy endeavors, that we may glorify You and serve all those around us. This is our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Come to Us, Beloved Stranger

BEACH SPRING

Madelynne Banderman, Cameron Carpenter, Mark Pitts, soloists

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:36-48

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON "The Ghost of Easter Past"

Rev. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #454 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

verses 1 and 2

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Pray with Me

Pergolesi

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

When We are Walking

RAABE

*POSTLUDE

***Late Arrivals Seated

^{*}Those who are able, please stand