

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 23, 2025

The Third Sunday of Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG/
setting by A. Roberts

INTROIT

My Soul is Thirsting for You, O Lord (Psalm 63)
Cameron Carpenter, soloist

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 63:1-8)

Leader: O God, You are our God; we seek you; our souls thirst for You;

People: Our flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: Our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast,

People: And our mouths praise You with joyful lips.

Leader: For You have been our help,

People: And in the shadow of Your wings we sing for joy.

Leader: Our souls cling to You;

People: Your right hand upholds us.

*HYMN #198

O God, You Are My God
verses 1, 3, 4

ST. BRIDE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God: we acknowledge that we are not worthy of the great love which You have for us. We have been ungrateful for what You have accomplished through Your Son, and we have not cherished Your grace. We have not responded in love as Your mercy deserves. Cleanse our hearts from within, O Lord, and incline Your ear to our plea for forgiveness. Lead us in the way of Your Christ, that we may never thirst for righteousness. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

My Song in the Night

Arlen Clarke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"While Towers Fall Around Us"

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
verses 1 and 3

HAMBURG

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

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #420

God of Grace and God of Glory
verses 1, 2, 3

CWM RHONDDA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lenten Doxology

FINLANDIA

*POSTLUDE

Peace

B. Glyncannon

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is David Coleman.