

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 24, 2017

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT

*O Sing a New Song to the Lord*

GONFALON ROYAL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 105:1-4)

Leader: We give thanks to You, O LORD, and call upon Your name;

**People: Your deed, we shall make known among the peoples.**

Leader: To You we sing, to You we sing praises;

**People: Let us tell of all Your wonderful works.**

Leader: We glory in Your holy name;

**People: Let the hearts of all who seek You rejoice, O LORD.**

Leader: We shall seek You, O LORD, and Your strength;

**People: Your presence we shall continually seek.**

HYMN #215

*Come, Sing with Joy to God*  
verses 1 and 2

TO GOD WITH GLADNESS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, You have promised to grant forgiveness to the penitent. We confess that we have failed to be the people You have called us to be. We have not loved one another as You have commanded, and have turned our backs to those in need. We have often turned Your good news into bad news, and have glorified ourselves by condemning others. Lord God, accept our confession, and grant us Your forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

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### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH

*Here Is Love (insert)*

*Arranged by Mary Harter*

### WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

*In Thee Is Gladness*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Philippians 1:21-30**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**“Hard Pressed Between the Two”**

Rev. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #149

*The Head That Once Was Crowned*  
verses 1, 4, 5

ST. MAGNUS

**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

*Gloria*

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

GREEK

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #339

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Let Every Tongue and Every Tribe*

GONFALON ROYAL

POSTLUDE

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\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

**Today’s Lay Reader is Christopher Smart.**

*Today's flowers are given by Paul Hager in memory of his wife,  
Dr. Joy Hager, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.*