

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 11, 2018 Laetare Sunday—Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Go Not Far From Me, O God

Zingarelli

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 107:17-22)

Leader: Once, we were sick through our sinful ways,

People: And, because of our iniquities, we endured afflictions.

Leader: Then we cried to you, O LORD, in our trouble;

People: And You saved us from our distress.

Leader: You sent out Your word and healed us;

People: You delivered us from sure destruction.

Leader: Let us offer thanks to You for Your steadfast love—for Your wonderful works to humankind;

People: And let us offer thanksgiving—and tell of Your deeds with songs of joy!

HYMN #252

O Lord, You Are My God and King
verses 1 and 2

JERUSALEM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light: forgive us when we prefer to walk in darkness. God of truth, forgive us when we speak or act falsely. God of justice, forgive us when we fail to defend the powerless. God of love, forgive us when we strike out in anger or harbor a grudge. God of mercy, forgive us when we show too much concern for ourselves. God of glory, forgive us when we fail to reflect Your image in us. For Your forgiveness we pray 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

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH INSERT

O How He Loves You and Me

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

Lenten Contemplation

J. Shippey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:1-10

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Seated in the Heavenly Places”

Rev. Christian

*HYMN #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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

Franck

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Auf ein altes Bild

Hugo Wolf

Isaac Brooks, baritone

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
verses 1-5

AMAZING GRACE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Abide With Us

ST. FLAVIAN

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today’s Lay Reader is Tom Long.