

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 19, 2017

The Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This
Memorial Handbells

arr. Arnold B. Sherman
James Evans, director

INTROIT

Hide Not Thy Face

Arcadelt

Introit text from Psalm 27-9

Hide not Thy face far from me.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from John 16:13-15)

Leader: The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, has come;

People: The Spirit will guide us in the way of truth.

Leader: For the Spirit will not speak on His own accord;

People: But the Spirit will speak whatever He hears from the Father.

Leader: The Holy Spirit will declare to us the things which are to come.

People: The Spirit will glorify Christ the Son, because the Spirit will take what is Christ's and declare it to us.

Leader: All that the Father has belongs to Christ.

People: And Christ will take what is His and declare it to us.

HYMN #139

Come Thou Almighty King
verses 1, 2, 3

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O most merciful Father: we confess that we have rejected Your grace, and we have ignored Your promised judgment. We stand in need of salvation from sin. We cannot save ourselves, for we are short-sighted creatures. Judge us, for we have been slow to serve You. Justify us through Your only begotten Son. Sanctify us through the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit. Deliver us from the bondage of corruption into the glorious life as Your own children, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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

A World of Difference

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

Drop, Drop Slow Tears

Owens

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-5

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"Jesus Christ: Our Righteousness"

Rev. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

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

Waters of the Living Lord

Wayne Bowlin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Franck

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

The Cross

James Evans

Memorial Handbells

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*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
verses 1 and 2

SOLID ROCK

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

When We are Tempted to Deny Your Son

PSALM 22

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Christopher Smart.