

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2017

The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from John 14:15-21)

Leader: If we love Christ, we will keep His commandments.

People: He will give us another Advocate, to be with us forever.

Leader: Christ will give us the Spirit of truth.

People: The world cannot receive the Spirit because it does not know Christ.

Leader: But we know Him, because Christ abides with us.

People: He will not leave us orphaned.

Leader: We keep His commandments because we love Jesus Christ.

People: And we who love Him are loved by the Father.

HYMN #398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
verse 1

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, gracious God, as we confess our sins. We cannot find meaning in our worship if we hold on to our evil habits, our secret transgressions, and our rebellious ways. We have forgotten how to love as You have commanded us. Fill our empty hearts, O God, with Your grace and with Your Spirit, that we may be freed from the burdens of sin and guilt, and that we may love with a Christ-like Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. 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)

At the Cross

Arranged by Mary Harter

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior

Cherwien

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:13-22

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Suffering of the Righteous—Suffering for the Unrighteous”

Rev. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining
verses 1 and 2

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

Thank you Jamie Evans!

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 #485

To God Be the Glory

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Abba, As In Highest Heaven

ABBOT'S LEIGH

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Christopher Smart.