

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, August 11th 2024

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Words of Preparation *(for individual use before worship)*

"Chains shall He break for the Slave is our Brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease." - Adolphe Adam, "O Holy Night"

The Chiming of the Hour, the Words of Welcome, and Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you!

And also with you!

The Trinity Chime, the Prayer of Invocation, and Prelude

***The Call to Worship** *from 1 Chronicles 29:10-11*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord!

Praise be to You, O Lord our God, from everlasting to everlasting!

For Yours, O God, is the greatness, and the power; for You are exalted over all!

***The Opening Hymn** #267 *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, **one God now and forever.**

Amen.

The Choral Introit *"I Love You, Lord"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Most Holy God, it is against You and Your good name that we have sinned by ignoring Your commands, forsaking Your ways, and abusing Your gifts. You have blessed us richly with Your love, but we have been ungrateful in refusing

to love You in return. O Lord, we are truly ashamed and we are truly sorry, but we are bold to seek Your mercy through Jesus Christ, whom You sent for our salvation. Forgive us and heal us from the sin that lingers still. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and restore our hearts to live gladly and devotedly for You and for Your glory...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from John 3:16-17*

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes Him will not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." I declare to you, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are made new! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

The Sung Acclamation #447 *"We Are Forgiven"*

Choir: We are for-giv-en, we are for-gi-ven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

All: We are for-gi-ven, we are for-gi-ven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The Call to the Christ-Life *from Micah 6:8*

Dear friends, God has shown us what is good. And what does our God require of us? **To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with Him, our God!**

***The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri (located on Pew Card)*

***The Affirmation of Our Christian Faith** *The Apostles Creed (located on Pew Card)*

The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

***The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise** *The Doxology (located on Pew Card)*

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God Speaks and Seals His Promises in His Word

The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 8:28-34*

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***The Sung Response #450 “Be Thou My Vision” (v. 1)**

**Be Thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that
Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy
pre-sence my light.**

The Sermon “Matthew (30): The King Who Breaks All Chains”

***The Hymn of Response #275 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

God Sends Us Forth in Loving Service and Witness

***The Closing Hymn #238 “Thine is the Glory”**

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Benediction #748 “Go with Us, Lord”**

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev-ery com-ing day, that
in Your Spir-it strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**