

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, January 5th, 2025

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

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

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

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**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord!

As kings of old rushed to bring You their tributes and treasures, Lord Jesus,

So now we offer You our hearts in glory and praise, O King of Kings!

***The Opening Hymn** #150 *"As With Gladness, Men of Old"*

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

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

Amen.

The Choral Introit *"What Star is This, with Beams So Bright"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

God of glory, You sent Your Son among us as light in the darkness, to reveal Your love for the world. We confess our sin that hides Your glory, and our pride that blinds us to Your light. We ignore the cries of those in need, and we

disobey Your commands. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us anew by Your Spirit, that in gladness we would forever follow You and shine to 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 sent His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save the world through Him. This is God's promise for all who repent and truly believe: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and you are made new! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

***The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri (located on pew card)*

***The Affirmation of 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 Word and Sacrament

The Scripture Lesson *Matthew 11:25-30*

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The Sermon *"Matthew (45): The King of the Burdened and Weary"*

***The Hymn of Response** #442 *"Just as I Am, without One Plea"*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn** #686 *"God of Our Life"*

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Benediction #150, "As with Gladness, Men of Old" (v. 4)**

**Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ey day keep us in the nar-row way; and when earth-ly things
are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.**