



Order of Worship for 4/6/25 Third Sunday of Lent

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* **Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Trusting Heart to Jesus Clings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving

And the courts of God with praise;

Give thanks and bless God's holy name!

For the Lord is good; God's love is eternal, and God's faithfulness has no end.

OPENING PRAYER

**Triune God, knowing your greatness and your presence in our lives, we praise you and sing to your holy name. Praise be to you, God our creator, for you give us life and sustain this world with your love. Blessed are you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for you redeem us from our sins and give us salvation. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you console us and make your presence known in all we say and do. Our sincere praise will always be for the One whose grace is unfailing and immeasurable. To God be the glory now and forever.
Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #452

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

1. O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.

2. Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

3. Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

4. Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

5. O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again,
and set thy judgments on the earth.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven.

***HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-6; 11-16

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 3:12-21

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

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SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our

sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*HYMN #507

I Come With Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound
We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world,
We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Can Wash Away My Sin

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

And so we sing with all the saints on earth
and all the angels in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest...

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor
are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #443

O Christ the Great Foundation

O Christ the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered
In love Beyond our own,
by grace we were invited,
by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened
the righteous fear to speak,

there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious
when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
the Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings,
the final consummation,
the glory of all things.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

Liturgical resources from *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

