

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 7, 2023 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Processional on "Lift High the Cross"

D. Busarrow

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Lord, I Want to be a Christian African-American Spiritual (please refer to hymn #457 for introit words) arr. G. Adnams

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#292 Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are the cornerstone of life, the one who takes joy in calling us your people. We confess that we have turned away. We have asked for your strength, protection and mercy, yet, we stumble on the foolish stones we created and have cast in our own way; quick judgments, unkind words, and contradictions.

We know you are our rock of refuge, a mighty fortress that saves us. We find shelter and safety in you. Guide us with your power to move hearts from emptiness to fullness, from sorrow to joy, and from rejection to acceptance. God, we ask you to save us in your never ending love.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

arr. A. Hill Christ Arose!

(Please refer to hymn #294 for anthem words)

FIRST READING

John 14:1-14 Pages 112-113, 1st half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#453 Christ Be My Leader SI ANF

SECOND READING

Page 251, 2nd half of NRSV Bible I Peter 2:2-10 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Rev. Jeremy Keay

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#690 We Remember You

EUCHARIST

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

*The Passing of the Peace

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried:

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick 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.

*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Aria in F

J.S. Dixon Marco Adria

*New Doxology Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing! Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#550 We Are the Church

PORT JERVIS

*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

P. Lebenbauer

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Confession Prayer - Rev. Colin Ward; Scripture Reading - Esther Steeves, Alex Bayne; Preparation of Communion - Jack Lepine, Twyla Fletcher; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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