

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE
“Adagio” by Marcello; setting by Robert Lau

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 825 - we sing, standing

page 168 - **KYRIE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provider for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 142
Men and boys read odd numbered verses
Women and girls read even numbered verses

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
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page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - all standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - all standing
Before, all sing: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**
After, all sing: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

HYMN 571 vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page
all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY
The Parish Choir sings (8:00) “Bought with a Price” by Natalie Sleeth; (10:30) “Allegro, Sonata #2 by Handel.
Althea Madigan, Oboe Soloist

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 179 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 545 and 861

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - as signs of his forgiveness and of our Christian family solidarity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 182 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 119 Offering: \$6,795

This Week Here
Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
- 7:30 PM - Lent 4 Service
- 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice
Thur -10:00 AM- Bulletin Pick Up
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice
Sat - 9:00 AM - Quilts of Valor

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study
Join us this Wednesday for our weekly Soup, Salad and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and plan to join us prior to our Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.

Acolytes! There is a training class for all acolytes scheduled to be held here next Sunday, March 26, at 9:10 a.m. Please make every effort to attend, whether it’s your first time as an acolyte or as a refresher course

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light - The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. “*For his righteousness’ sake,*” He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns “*the darkness before them into light*” (Is. 42:16) because He is “*the light of the world*” (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh “*while it is day,*” until that night “*when no one can work*” (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though “*at one time you were darkness,*” now “*you are light in the Lord*” (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to “*awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead*” (Eph. 5:14).

HYMN 917 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - “*What Wondrous Love is This*” arr. By Chesterton

for those of you who haven’t been an acolyte prior to the pandemic.

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2023-2024 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.

Spring Clean-Up - Our outside cleaning is scheduled for April 15. It would be helpful if cleaning supplies were brought (brooms, trimmers, etc.). Please consider volunteering to help keep our property looking beautiful! The date for our annual indoor cleaning will be announced once it is finalized.

Reminder! Heavenly Herald newsletter articles are due to Beth Soulier this week.