

Lord's Day Service – Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2012

Prelude: We silently prepare our hearts to worship our Lord

We appreciate the sounds of friends greeting each other and the words of welcome that are exchanged. They are evidence of the love and care we have for one another. However, when the musical prelude begins, we ask that our conversations be brought to a close and our attention turned to some quiet meditation in preparation to worship our Lord.

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

*** Call to Worship**

Isaiah 49:1-7

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #164
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*** Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Minister: He is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Luke 24:6, 34

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Ruth 2:4

Minister: Our help is in the name of Yahweh,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit!

People: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you and toward my family and friends. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Minister: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us of all our sins.

People: **Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Psalm 86:4

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Lam 3:41

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **It is proper and right to do so!**

Psalm 92:1

Minister: Truly, it is proper, right, and our duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

*** Hymn of Preparation**

Of the Father's Love Begotten
(See insert)

*** Prayer**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*** Lesson from the Old Testament**

2 Kings 23:1-30

*** Lesson from the New Testament**

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon

“Josiah & the Book of the Covenant” – Part 2

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #236
The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns

***Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Mark 14:22-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (see insert)

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Trinity Hymnal, #162
Hark, the Glad Sound!

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

*** The Lord's Commission of Us**

*** We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us**

Psalm 134

*** We Bless the LORD, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*** Threefold Amen & Postlude**

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Lessons & Carols

Lessons & Carols Service, Sunday night, December 23.

Catechism

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