

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2015

Enter this place in quietness. For this is God's House.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Gracious God, when we are lost, afraid, or falling apart, please hold us together with your grace. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Hillin

*INTROIT #196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" (v.1)

Neale, 1851

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

People of God, let us be faithful, open, trusting, and follow the Christ!

We have come to worship our God.

*HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God. So let us hold fast to our confession. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or don't do, say, or don't say, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus. We stand before you, Holy Grace. As

you empty our hands of all that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not ever journey alone. Because we repent, God forgives once again.

Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12-16

Bibles, p. 206 / LG. p. 267

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #743

"O God, You Are My God" (2x)

Strasser, 1991

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 10: 17-27

Bibles, p. 43 / LG. p. 56

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"It's Hard for those with Wealth"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In this reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life – in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who

