

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 579)

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.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 112. Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the Baptism for special classes. Preschoolers are in Room 204 and K-5th grade are in Room 201.)

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Leader: These children have now been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God. See what love the Father has for us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome these children into Christ's church. We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Baptized in Water* Gaelic melody

THE PSALM Psalm 131 (page 542 in the Pew Bible) Bill Smith

THE ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments* Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of truth.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 49:8-16a (page 638 in the Pew Bible)

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 6:7-9 (page 5 in the Pew Bible)

THE SERMON "Mother God" Joanna Adams

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Isaiah 49:15

*** THE HYMN 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

* 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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY *Nocturne in C-Sharp Minor* Chopin
Gene Martin, piano

*** THE DOXOLOGY, PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** (Hymn 592)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.