

THE LORD'S DAY
December 26, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Zephaniah* 3:14-17

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 226** (Blue) - *As with Gladness Men of Old*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: O God, we have no merit. Let the merit of Jesus stand for us.

All: We are undeserving, but we look to Your tender mercy.

Minister: We are full of infirmities, wants and sin; You are full of grace.

All: We confess our sin, our frequent sin, our willful sin.

Minister: All our powers of body and soul are corrupted by sin; within our very nature is a fountain of rebellion.

All: Lord, have mercy on our soul. Accept us through Jesus Christ and wash away our sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Hebrews* 9:13-14

GLORIA PATRI* - **Trinity 735

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Westminster Larger Catechism* Q. 48-50

Q. 48. How did Christ humble himself in his life?

A. Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.

Q. 49. How did Christ humble himself in his death?

A. Christ humbled himself in his death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors: having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

Q. 50. Wherein consisted Christ's humiliation after his death?

A. Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and

continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, He descended into hell.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalms* 93 (Insert)

ANTHEM: *A*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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 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.

***BIBLE SONG 220** (Green) - *Motives to Gratitude* (*Psalms* 103)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Galatians* 4:8-11 (p. 974, LP p. 1156)

SERMON: "No Turning Back"

*HYMN: **Trinity 486** (Blue) - *God, Be Merciful To Me* (Stanzas 1-3)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (**Bread** is gluten free; **Wine** is on the outer ring)

*HYMN: **Trinity 486** (Blue) - *God, Be Merciful To Me* (Stanzas 4-6)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY* - **Trinity 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son, And the fellowship of God the Spirit, keep our hearts and minds within his love. And to him be praise for his glorious reign from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n, We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, if able*

If you are visiting with us, please complete a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

If you need prayer, an elder is available following the service by the door to the anteroom.