

November 13, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: Green

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Cecelia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Jubilant Procession
Chancel Bells

Handel/arr. Mark Ardrey-Graves

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marilyn Murphy

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

***HYMN NO. 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

***INVOCATION**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love, and our minds search for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior, and strengthen us to grow in love, that at the dawn of his coming we may rejoice in his presence and welcome the light of his truth. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880**

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Page 250 (NT) in pew Bibles
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*†GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30 Page 34 (NT) in pew Bibles
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Offertory
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Lasst Uns Erfreuen
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Kelly
As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in buying a heifer (cow) for \$500. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

(See Last Page of bulletin)

SERMON

"Christians Got Talent"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*HYMN NO. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Beach Spring

*BENEDICTION

Leader: What does the Lord require of you as you go from this place?

People: **To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, go to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

Music Notes

This text comes from the book of Micah, chapter 6, verses 6-8. It starts with a question: “What can we do to please God? What is an acceptable offering?” The following verses then begin to list suggestions, each related to sacrificial presentation and religious ritual and ceremony. The answer comes from the prophet and makes it clear that God is more interested in the way we lead our lives than in our religious practices. The threefold summary of what God expects is about one’s lifestyle, one’s total outlook on life, and one’s ethical values: “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.”

Offertory

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my first born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.*

*And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm doth bind the rest-less wave, Who
O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traf - fic runs a - main By
O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the firm - a - ment; O
O Tri - ni - ty of love and power, Our bre - thren shield in dan-ger's hour; From

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bidst the might - y o - cean deep Its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O
moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Where - ev - er, Lord, Thy bre - thren go, Pro -
wind of hea - ven, by Thy might, Save all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And
rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro - tect them where - so - e'er they go: Thus

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hear us when we cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.
tect them by Thy guard - ing hand From ev - ery per - il on the land.
keep them by Thy watch - ful care From ev - ery per - il in the air.
ev - er - more shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save is most often associated with the United States Navy. It was originally a poem written in 1860 by William Whiting of England for a student of his who was about to travel to the United States. In 1940, the U. S. Episcopal Church adapted the second and third verse to address those who travel and serve on land and in the air. We include this hymn today as a prayer of thanksgiving and protection for those who serve and have served in the United States armed forces.