

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Chanson" by Steven Scott.

page 203 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 686 - we sing, standing

page 204 - **KYRIE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 32 - Men speak odd verses, women speaks the even verses and All speak the Gloria Patri.

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE FOR LENT - we speak in unison **Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)**

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - all standing
Before, all say: **Glory to You, O Lord!**
After, all say: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN 571 vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page
all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY *During the gathering,*
we sing **HYMN 725**

page 208 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 208 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 209 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 210 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution we sing **HYMNS 617 and 422.**

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 211 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 212 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 212 - **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

HYMN 918 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Solemn March" by Mendelssohn.

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 101 Offering: \$3,135

This Week Here

Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
- 7:30 PM - Lent 4 Service
- 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice
Thur - 6:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice
Sat - 9:00 AM - Quilts of Valor

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Vicki DePaolo for serving this morning!

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study

This Wednesday, April 2nd, will be the our weekly Soup, Salad and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and plan to join us prior to our Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.

We are hosting a community-wide **Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 12th**, at 10:30 in the morning. This is open to the public. Please share with your friends and family.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were "still a long way off," He saw us and "felt compassion" (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making "him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we "will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).

We are accepting plastic egg donations and candy donations. Thank you!

Cheshire Food Pantry Update: In addition to the items that we are encouraged to donate (**salad dressings and dish soap**) the pantry can also use donations of mayonnaise, canned fruit, old fashioned oatmeal, crackers, cookies and breadcrumbs. Thank you to everyone who continues to make donations and deliver them!

Sunday School - In this week's lesson, "A Tree View," students learn about Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Short of stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see the Savior. Despite criticism, Jesus invites Himself to the tax collector's home. Motivated by Christ's compassion, Zacchaeus confesses his sin and promises to make restitution. Families could discuss, "How does Jesus motivate you to make a difference in your world?"