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Service for the Lord's Day

eight forty-five and eleven o'clock

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about them that fear Him." O God, by my great defense today against the enemies of my soul. Protect me against the glittering army and the secret foe. Save me from the pestilence that wasteth at noonday and the arrow that flieth by night. And preserve me from the adversary which nestles in my own bosom.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Air in G" ..... Herbert Howells

*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. Seamon

Minister: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

**All: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.**

Minister: When I sought the Lord, he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord our God.**

Minister: Let us worship the Lord!

*Psalm 34:2-4, 8*

\* SILENT PROCESSION

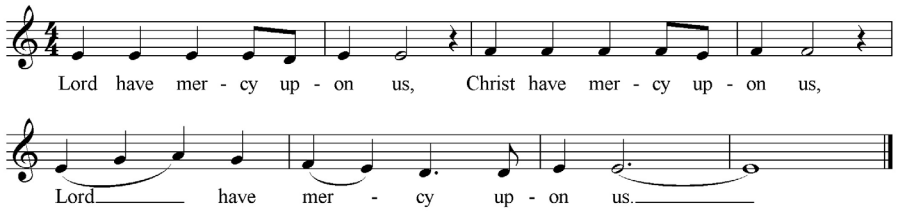
\* HYMN 41 - "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" ..... LYONS

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison:**     **O God, we confess that we have filled our lives with so much noise that we can no longer hear your still small voice. We are distracted because we choose to avoid the truth. We are busy because we do not pray. We are lost because we do not follow our Savior Jesus Christ. By your boundless mercy, find us, forgive us, and bring us home to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

*A period of silence for personal confession.*

\* KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service*)

Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for "Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,". The second staff continues the melody with "Lord have mer - cy up - on us." and includes some longer note values indicated by horizontal lines.

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Minister:**   Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**People:**     **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*THE PEACE

**Minister:**   May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People:**     **And also with you.**  
**Minister:**   Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.  
*Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long  
The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Daniel 3:14-28  
**Minister:**   The Word of the Lord.  
**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 687 - "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" .....ST. ANNE  
*During the singing of this hymn, children, kindergarten and younger, may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.*

SERMON - FROM DEATH TO LIFE: SOME LIKE IT HOT .....  
Rev. Long

## The Response to the Word

\* NICENE CREED.....Rev. Seamon

**I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* The Offertory Statement

\* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....  
OLD HUNDREDTH

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – “In the Year That King Uzziah Died”.....

David McK. Williams

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us. Then I said, Here am I; send me.

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

## The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Clayton

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

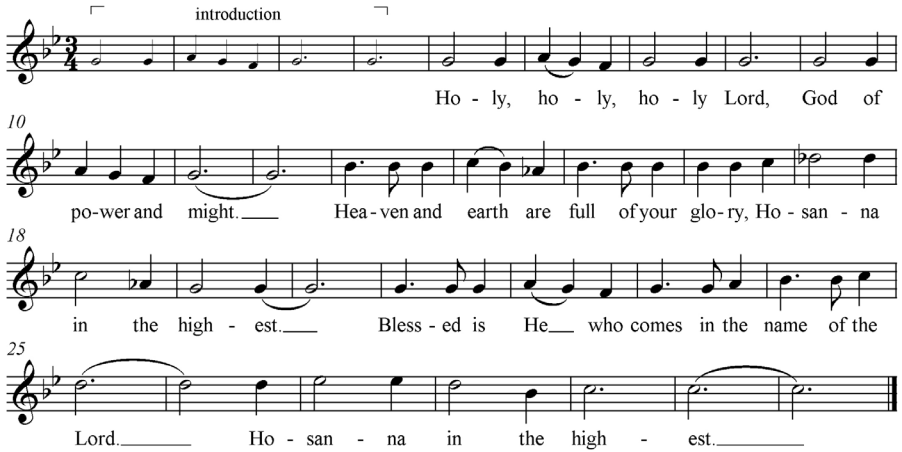
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:*

**SANCTUS** (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
10 po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na  
18 in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the  
25 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The minister continues in prayer:*

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** (from *The Independent Service*)



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

*The minister continues in prayer:*

**AMEN** (from *The Independent Service*)



A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*In unison*)

**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, for ever. Amen.**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

“Forty Days and Forty Nights” .....arr. Harrison Oxley  
Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild, forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled. Sunbeams scorching all the day, chilly dew-drops nightly shed, prowling beasts about thy way, stones thy pillow, earth thy bed. Let us thine endurance share, and from earthly joys abstain, with thee watching unto prayer, strong with Thee to suffer pain. And if Satan, vexing sore, flesh or spirit should assail. Thou, his vanquisher before, grant we may not faint nor fail. So shall we have peace divine, holier gladness ours shall be, round us too shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by thy side, that with Thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide. Amen.

*G. H. Smyttan and Francis Pott*

“Ave Verum Corpus” .....W. A. Mozart  
*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae. Miserere nobis. Amen.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on us. Amen.

*14th-century chant attributed to Pope Innocent VI*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### The Sending

\*HYMN 463 - "How Firm a Foundation" ..... FOUNDATION

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "Ukrainian National Anthem"..... Mikhail Verbytsky

*\*Congregation standing*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO IPC!** We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at [www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or email Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL LITURGICAL PRACTICES, the Sunday worship services during Lent will change slightly to observe this most penitential season. The choir will process silently, the *Gloria Patri* will be omitted, and the postlude will take on a more reflective nature. Another way the nature of Lent is observed is by the use of the plain brass cross on the Communion Table. These few changes are meant to help make your observance of Lent more meaningful so that the glorious nature of Easter will be even more bountiful in your life.

**THE FLOWERS** in the Children's Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rosamond Glover Riley. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralls McKinnley Coston, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army WWII; grandfather of Jim Walker.

LENT AT IPC: You are invited to observe the Lenten discipline at IPC with one of our many ways to worship together and find fellowship. Scan the QR code to the right to sign up for daily devotions, register to join us for Wednesday Chapel & Lunch starting March 9, learn more about Cookies in the Courtyard after the 11 am worship service on Sundays, and find all the ways to join your IPC Family during the Lenten Season.



THE BICYCLE DRIVE to benefit Trips for Kids runs Feb. 27- March 13. Bring used bicycles of any size to the Community Ministries door off 31st Street South 9 am–4 pm Monday-Friday or Sundays 9:30 am–11 am. Ring the bell for assistance to put the bicycle(s) in the maintenance room.

YOUTH SUNDAY is Sunday, March 13. IPC Youth will lead all services.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SUMMER FUN AT IPC: Online registration for VBS and BTMP 2022 for members opens on February 28. Non-member registration for these summer events opens on March 14. Registration links are located in the Family Email, <https://ipc-usa.org/learn/children/> or scan this QR code.



EASTER LILY MEMORIALS: Honor the memory of your loved ones with an Easter Memorial donation. Your contribution provides lilies and greenery for the Sanctuary and Highland Hall for IPC's Easter Services, and the names will be printed in IPC's Easter worship bulletin. Please send your contribution to the church by March 21. Find donation envelopes in the Window or at the receptionist's desk or give online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](https://ipc-usa.org/connect).

RECYCLE FOR LENT: You are invited to explore recycling as a Lenten practice. Drop off your clean #5 plastics (dairy tubs, takeout containers, storage bins, etc.) in the white Super Sack next to the dumpster. Check the underside of the container for a little 5 inside a triangle. On March 23, recycle old electronics and shred paper in IPC's parking lot with ProTech 12 pm - 4 pm. For more information, please visit [ipc-usa.org/connect](https://ipc-usa.org/connect).



SUPPORT IPC'S MISSION PARTNERS IN UKRAINE: IPC's long-standing partners in Ukraine need our help to continue a relief efforts for those in need. Donations can be made online using the QR code to the right (please type Ukraine Aid in the "Gift to fund not listed" box) or mailed to the church (Attention: Beth Grauel). You can read more about our partners at [ipc-usa.org](https://ipc-usa.org).

## SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Sara P. Bolt; Dr. Edward M. Booth; Mr. James E. "Jim" Harmon, Sr.; and Mr. James H. "Hugh" Stone. . (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds.

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### Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (*eight forty-five*) Richard Hunley Monk IV,

Olivia Ann Vanlandingham, Charlotte Goodner Walthall

(*eleven o'clock*) Laden Margaret Falls, Calliope Lane Hontzas,

John Samuel Meriwether IV

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