

# Independent Presbyterian Church

# Birmingham, Alabama

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# Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 am & 11:00 am

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

# Holy Communion

# The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

My Father, this is a wondrous world, in which Thou hast set me. I ask and receive; I hunger and thirst and am filled. Thy banqueting table is spread before me. Thou preparest a feast for my soul. More than my lips can speak or my heart desire Thou offerest every day.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

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.

INTROIT - "This joyful Eastertide"......arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen.

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Clayton

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your

faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your

judgments are like the great deep.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Minister: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them

drink from the river of your delights.

**People:** For with you is the fountain of life. *Psalm 36:5-9* 

\* HYMN 248 - "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" ...... HYMN TO JOY

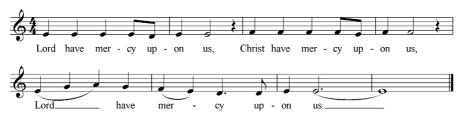
### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison:

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table that we might be fed by Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In his name we pray. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

# \*KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service* by Jeff McLelland)



# \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### \*THE PEACE

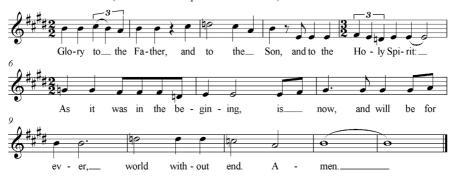
Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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."

### \*GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

# The Word

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible, p. OT652)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

During the singing of this hymn, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

\*HYMN 504 - "We Come as Guests Invited" .....

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SECOND LESSON - John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. NT93)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON - WHEN THE WINE RUNS OUT.....Rev. Long

# The Response to the Word

\* NICENE CREED......Rev. Clayton 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 – "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life".....

Harold Friedell

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath. Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life that killeth Death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength! Such a Light as shows a feast, Such a Feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

George Herbert

### The Eucharist

# INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE......Rev. Seamon

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

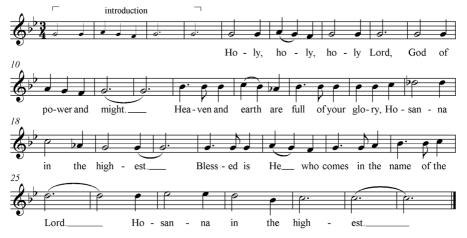
Lift up your hearts.

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)



The minister continues in prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from The Independent Service)



The minister continues in prayer.

AMEN (from The Independent Service)



### THE LORD'S PRAYER (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

Psalm 34:8

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 236 - "The Strife Is O'er"......VICTORY

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "See, the conqu'ring hero comes!" ...... George Handel

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to meeting you.
- **THE FLOWERS** in the Children's Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Michael Robertson McDaniel. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harvey Bears Leaver, Lieutenant, U.S. Army, WWII; U.S. First Infantry, Occupational Forces, Okinawa, Japan; father of Paul Harvey Leaver.
- IPC'S BREAD FOR THE WORLD team invites you to join them in the Offering of Letters. Representatives from the team will be in the Parlor following both worship services today and May 21. Join in on this national effort and learn more at bread.org.
- PARENT-PALOOZA: A 3-Part Christian Parenting Series begins today at 10 am in Highland Hall. Speakers Dale Wisely and Jonathon Davis will share helpful tips for a healthy home life.

May 7: Things to Say to Our Children

May 14: Parenting by Principle

May 21: Characteristics of a Good Marriage

<sup>\*</sup>Congregation standing

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

LUNCH AND LEARN: Join the Mwandi Mission Zambia Team for a Lunch and Learn as they share about their recent journey today in the Great Hall immediately following 11 am worship service. You can still attend and enjoy the presentation even if you did not register for a lunch.

NEXT SUNDAY: On May 14, it's Mother's Day and Children's Fresh Air Farm Appeal Day. Flower stems will be given to all at our morning and evening worship services in honor or memory of our mothers. Join us to learn about the 100-year history of the Farm and celebrate Bibletimes Marketplace by sharing a 100-year birthday cake after the 11 am worship service. You can wear your old Bibletimes t-shirt to church, or buy a new Centennial t-shirt at ipc-usa.org to wear.

THANK YOU FROM THE BLESSING BOXES: You all responded to our calls to fill the shelves, and we were so glad to see so many new faces and names bringing their donations and sending them through Amazon. Thank you! Every year we have the oppportunity to bring a few IPC Day School classes to the Food Pantry and teach them about sharing God's love by feeding those in need. This year a student asked, "I brought food last year so why do I need to do it again?" With this question, we were invited into a conversation about our giving and making sure we didn't donate just one time but that we take care of our neighbors all the time...even next year! We have an opportunity together to be a trusted presence for those in need, and we are so glad that we are able to do that together. To join the IPC Community Ministries e-newsletter (with the link to the Amazon Wishlist) and find out about our current needs and efforts, please contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Linda Douglass Woodard.

IPC FOOD MINISTRIES: In memory of Pat O'Donnell.

# **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: (8:45) Andrew Lindstrom Murphree
(11:00) Laden Margaret Falls, Julia Mitchell Mather, William Steel Mather

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