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Service for the Lord's Day

eleven o'clock

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, mighty, majestic, Builder of all, Maker and Informer of the souls of men and women, Force within force and Mover behind all history! O my God, close and tender, infinite in compassion, Friend, Father, I yield to Thee, I give Thee my loving loyalty, my life's obedience. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Psalm 34:6" 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.

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION Mr. Toney-Schmitt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Dr. Goyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The heavens are telling the glory of God; And the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. Their voice goes out through all the earth, And the words to the end of the world. Let us join them, and worship God!

adapted from Psalm 19:1-4

*HYMN 35 - "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with
 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mr. Toney-Schmitt

Unison: Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth. Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service*)

Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,
 Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:
 6 As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for
 9 ev - er, world with - out end. A - men.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Dr. Goyer

MORNING LESSON - Genesis 3:1-7

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - The Human Condition, Part III: "I Did It My Way"

Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* NICENE CREED (*In unison*).....Mr. Toney-Schmitt

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 – "Pater Noster"..... Ernest Chausson

Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

Pater Noster qui es in coelis, Sanctificetur nomen tuum, Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, Sicut in coelo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie. Et dimite nobis, debita nostra. Sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, Sed libera nos, a malo.

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. *The Lord's Prayer*

The Eucharist

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

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

"There in God's Garden" K. Lee Scott
There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty. Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see there the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood. Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it. Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it. This is my ending; this, my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This I have searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy. *Pécselyi Király Imre, c. 1641; trans. Erik Routley, 1974*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 536 - "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen".....SURGE ECCLESIA

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - "Postlude in D" Healey Willan

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information to Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION: In the coming weeks, the **Prayer of Preparation** will be a prayer from *Beginning the Day* by Henry M. Edmonds, the founding pastor of IPC. The preface to the 2008 edition reads, "This little book of daily prayers is being reprinted for the fifth time. It was first published in 1919, a year following the terrible losses of World War I and an influenza epidemic. The prayers were collected from a year's worth that had recently been printed in the newspaper. There is probably no work of Henry Edmonds more accessible to the public than these prayers. It is easy to imagine their effect on readers of 1919, their ability to inspire and encourage that is not diminished over the years. The language is poetic, direct, and brilliant with ideas of belief and faithful living." As these words were a balm for Christians in 1918 and in years since, let them strengthen and nurture us in the pandemic of 2020.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 101st birthday of Benjamin Hutcherson Nash, Master Sergeant, 169th Infantry Regiment, 43rd Infantry Division, United States Army, veteran of Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands Campaign, Pacific Theater of World War II.

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, IPC is sending out a "Learn with Us, Worship with Us" email. In the email is a link to the 11 o'clock LiveStream on YouTube.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: We rejoice in the birth on July 16, 2020, of Michael Lawrence Shults, son of Liz and John Shults.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH.

Even during this time when in person attendance is not possible, we do have basic necessary bills to cover. Offerings may be submitted online by clicking here, by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER: Check our YouTube channel [@ipcbirmingham](https://www.youtube.com/ipcbirmingham) or www.youtube.com/ipcbirmingham each Wednesday for a Service of Morning Prayer. Led by our choir director and organist Jeff McLelland as well as various members of the IPC choir, this service offers a few minutes of serenity through prayer and music.

DID YOU KNOW? The CARES Act permits a \$300 reduction in taxable income for charitable gifts in 2020 for those who do not itemize their deductions. This adjustment is available for cash gifts to public charities ("50% charities") only and is limited to \$300 per taxpayer. Donors who are qualified to itemize their charitable deductions may still do so. For more information, contact your financial advisor.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Mary Edna Blythe, Carol Leeth, Edith Quarles, and Felix Yarboro.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of David Hampe, List Underwood, and Felix Yarboro.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Mary Ann McCollum, Jane McFadden, Dr. Edward Laughlin, Patrick O'Donnell, Jimbo Henderson, Michael Murphy, Deborah Overstreet, and Felix Yarboro.

IPC SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Frances Eckel; H.H. Grooms, Jr.; Charles S. Northen III; Edith Quarles; Andy Wilkinson; and Felix Yarboro.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*40th Anniversary Fund*) In memory of Mr. Felix C. Yarboro. (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. Billy R. Anderson; Mrs. Vaughn B. DeVos; Mrs. Nina "Jean" Hammond; Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.; Mrs. Frances B. Partin; and Dr. Jon E. Sanford. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Mary "Elsie" Cole and Mr. William F. Edmonds. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Frances B. Brewer and Mr. Benjamin H. "Ben" Brinkley.

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

Virginia Glenn Cobbs
Lilian Kennedy Cochran
Everett Simons Cross
Callie Ryan Dukes
Lewis Christian Fischer
Kathryn Alicia Garrison
Robert Peyton Haley Jr.
John David Higgins IV
Barbara Bugg Holloway
Marilyn Douglas Joyce

Andrew Tyler Lewis
Caroline Bergin Lewis
Alice Alden Monk
Abigail Gearhart Murphree
John Byrd Norris VI
William Douglas Preston
Carson Vines Robinett
Robert Benjamin Savage
Anna Catherine Sorrells

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor
Mr. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Director of Youth Ministries
The Rev. Lucy E. Turner, Executive Associate Pastor
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Mrs. Beth Middleton, Music and Worship Coordinator

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