

Order of Service for Pro-Life Sunday

Opening Hymn: 26

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father,

C: Who has made us and all people;

P: And of the Son,

C: Who lived and died that all people might live;

P: And of the Holy Spirit,

C: Who has given us a second birth.

Sing: Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, parson, life, to us extend (TLH 242, v.4)

Confession of Sins

P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C: Through my groaning all day long.

P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C: My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

P: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

C: And did not cover up my iniquities.

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Ps. 32:3-5)

Sing: Hymn 323, verses 1-4

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of the Word and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Blessed is he

C: Whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. (Ps. 32:1)

Sing: Hymn 323, verse 5

Choir Anthem (Adults or Children)

Psalm for the Day

P: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

C: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

C: Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

P: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

C: When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

P: All the days ordained for me were written in your book.

C: Before one of them came to be. (Ps. 139: 1,13-16)

Sing: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and always will be forevermore. Amen.

Readings

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:26-31 (Human life is a special gift of God, created in God's image to rule the earth in his stead.)

The Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (In Adam all people have lost the gift of life. In Christ all people have regained life for eternity.)

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P: The Lord has made his salvation known

C: And revealed his righteousness to the nations. Alleluia!

Sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: John 10:7-16 (Our Savior wants all people to have life to the full, eternal life with him in heaven.)

Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Hymn 717 (Sampler) Alternate: 344

Sermon

Choir Anthem (Adults or Children)

Offertory and Collection of Offerings

Hymn 714

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 580, verses 1,2,4,9