

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE PRELUDE

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” arr. Hobby  
*Sherri Carraway and Curtis Nash, Trumpets*  
*Brandon Rushing, Horn Chris Davis, Trombone*  
*Robert Kessling, Timpani Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24

*The Minister:* “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

*The Congregation:* His love endures forever.

*The Minister:* In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and He answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

*The Congregation:* His love endures forever.

*The Minister:* The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

*The Congregation:* His love endures forever.

*The Minister:* We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

*The Congregation:* His love endures forever.

*The Minister:* The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

*The Congregation:* The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

*The Minister:* This is the day the Lord has made;

*The Minister and*

*Congregation:* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”  
*Dr. Murray Garrott, Executive Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” No. 277 (stanzas 1-4)  
*The IPC Handbell Choir, Harrison Howle, Director* arr. Dobrinski

## THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 GLORIA PATRI

Ode to Joy  
God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;  
we, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;  
with our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill. *Amen.*

☞ Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time. ☞

## THE SOLO

“Thine Be the Glory” Maccabaeus/  
*Randal Rushing, Tenor* arr. Powell

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth You made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” — *1 Corinthians 15:54-57*

## THE HYMN OF ADORATION

“Before the Throne”

Charitie Bancroft and Vikki Cook Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the Throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest Whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him  
spot - less right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there, Who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
Am, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him



grav - en on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count ed  
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can  
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

*The Minister:* What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

*The Congregation:* That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

“Joy to the Heart” K. Lee Scott  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree  
And what He brings in His hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

*Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning!*

Good Jesus Christ inside His pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope  
And let the blood flow from His flesh to fill the springs of living hope.

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree  
To offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.

*Congregation and Choir:*



Look there! the Christ, our Broth - er comes re -



splen - dent from the gal - lows tree and what He



brings in His hurt hands is life on life for you and me.



*Refrain* Joy! joy! joy to the heart all



in this good day's dawn - ing! dawn - ing!

THE SERMON

John 20:1-10 (*pew Bible page 906*)

THE PATH TO THE CROSS . . . AND BEYOND

Part 3: "What Happened, and What ON EARTH Does It Mean?"

*The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 53

(stanzas 1-3, 5)

arr. Wilberg

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Hallelujah!" from *Messiah*

Handel

*Harrison Howle, Director*

THE POSTLUDE

"Toccatà" from *Symphony V*

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SERMON NOTES

WELCOME TO IPC

Visitors are special at IPC. Please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it down the aisle so that we will know you were here. Join us on Wednesday evenings for our Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by Bible Study, Grace Groups and Small Groups.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information, please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206.

Audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available in the bookstore immediately following the 8:30 worship service, or during the following week on the internet at [www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org)

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Our Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, and for any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.*

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 27

8:30 a.m..... Worship Service  
8:30 a.m..... K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)  
9:45 a.m..... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m..... Worship Service  
11:00 a.m..... K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grade 1)

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 30

5:30 p.m..... Dinner — Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m..... Dr. Bill Hogan, Teaching, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m..... Grace Groups, Small Groups  
6:30 p.m..... Preschool and Children's Choir Rehearsals  
6:30 p.m..... C.I.A. (Christ in Action) — Romper Room  
6:30 p.m..... Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday, April 3, at both the 8:30 and 11:00 morning Worship Services.

IPC PATHWAY CLASS RESUMES

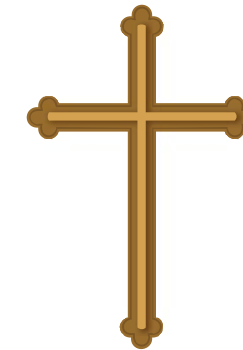
If you were part of our Pathway Class that began in February, but had to be postponed, please note that we will resume meeting again next Sunday, April 3, at 9:45 a.m., in the third floor conference room.

*The IPC Choir and Soloists accompanied by members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra present*

**Handel's *Messiah*, Parts II and III**

Sunday, April 10 | 6:00 p.m. | IPC Sanctuary

*Messiah* was premiered in Dublin on April 13, 1742, and remains one of the most popular works in Western choral literature. Parts two and three of *Messiah* focus on Christ's passion, resurrection, and victorious kingdom. Join us on Sunday, April 10, and bring your family and friends to hear this worshipful masterpiece.



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is to make disciples of Jesus by *gathering* for worship,  
*growing* in community, and *going out* in love.

~Please enjoy your coffee outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you.~