#### ORDER OF WORSHIP -August 2, 2020 11:00AM

## Chiming of the Hour

#### Voluntary

#### A Word of Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: Even as we journey through the wilderness of quarantine,

People: We rest in the shelter of the Most High; Leader: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty;

People: We find refuge under the wings of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: We trust that the angels of God,

People: the words of God, Leader: the people of God, People: the hands of God

Leader: will somehow bear us up.

People: And so we come to call on God who has promised to answer.

## **Processional Hymn 139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#### **Affirmation of Faith 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering & Offertory

**Quarantine Testimony Video** 

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7 (NRSV)

Sermon

**Transition Response** 

**Prayer Concerns and Invitation to Holy Communion** 

### **Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

People:

Merciful God, You call us to trust You in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget Your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from You, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts to You, that we may taste fullness of life and trust Your promised salvation. Amen.

Leader:

God's loving presence never abandons us, not even when we abandon God. God delivers those who seek and love the Lord. God answers us with rescue and honor, forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation. Hear the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*Response Hymn 337 "Only Trust Him"

Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord; And He will surely give you rest, by trusting in His word.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now. He will save you, He will save you now.

The Great Thanksgiving

**Holy Communion** 

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship** 

**Closing Hymn 377** 

Benediction

**Choral Benediction** 

# Hymn 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: Come ye who hear, Brothers and sisters draw near, Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth: Hast thou not seen All that is needful hath been Granted in what he ordaineth?[a]

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew All the Almighty can do, He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him!

