

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
through belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness of
the Creator of creation.

I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, through the
strength of His resurrection with His ascension, through the
strength of His descent for the judgment of Doom.

*I arise today through the strength of the love of Cherubim, in obedience of angels, in the
service of the archangels, in hope of resurrection to meet with reward, in prayers of
patriarchs, in predictions of prophets, in preaching of apostles, in faith of
confessors, in innocence of holy virgins, in deeds of righteous men.*

*I arise today through the strength of heaven: light of sun, radiance of moon, splendor of
fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of wind, depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness
of rock.*

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me: God's might to uphold
me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's
ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard
me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to
save me from snares of devils, from temptations of vices, from
everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and anear, alone and in multitude.

*I summon today all these powers between me and those evils, against every cruel
merciless power that may oppose my body and soul, against incantations of false
prophets, against black laws of pagandom, against false laws of heretics, against
craft of idolatry, against spells of witches and smiths and wizards, against every knowl-
edge that corrupts man's body and soul. Christ to shield me today against poison,
against burning, against drowning, against wounding, so that there may come to me
abundance of reward.*

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ
beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I
arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the
mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees
me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

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Order for the Worship of God
March 17, 2002
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

"I Will Praise God"

Vicki H. Wright

Carol Choir; Charlotte Ball, *Director*

Hannah Braswell, Elizabeth Fulmer, Emily McClure,

Mary Grace Ray, Megan Windrick, *Handbells*

*I will praise God with my heart ev'ry day. I will thank God with my heart ev'ry day.
Thank You, God, for staying close to me. Thank You, God, for hearing me pray;
thank You, God, for watching over me; thank You, God, my Father. I will love God
with my heart ev'ry day.*

Minister: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!** Revelation 5.12-13

***Hymn of Adoration** "Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" *OQUANTAQUALIA*
text: Horatius Bonar, 1866

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise No. 543**

"Christ Beside Me"

BUNESSAN

*Confession of Faith

*The Doxology

LASST UNSER FREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Public Confession of Sin

Who am I, O Lord, and to what have You called me? For I should dread exceedingly, with fear and trembling, the sentence of judgment on that day when no one will be able to escape or hide, but we all, without exception, shall have to give an account even of our smallest sins before the judgment of the Lord Christ. But today I constantly exalt and magnify Your name. For You Yourself have said through the prophet: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver You, and You will glorify Me."

Private Confession

Hymn of Praise

"Be Thou My Vision"

David Schwoebel

The Handbell Choir; Colin Howland, *Director*
Susann Bires, *Flute*

The Service of Friendship

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

Jon Patrick Pierce

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Jack Parker, *Session Elder* 9:30
The Rev. Paul Settle 11:00

Musical Offering: Psalm 119.1 "Beati quorum via"

C. V. Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

"Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD."

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Morning Sermon "Portrait of a Sojourner Sent"

Dr. Ryan

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter .1-2

"I, Patrick, a sinner...in Ireland...live among barbarian tribes as an exile and refugee for the love of God.... I am compelled by zeal for God and the truth of Christ...for whom I have given up country and kinfolk and my own life even unto death."
—from Letter to Coroticus

***Closing Hymn**

"We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name"

SAGINA
text: Edmund Clowney, 1986
based on Patrick, 5th cent.

***Benediction**

Minister: Grace and peace be yours in abundance!
People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

"Fugue in a minor"
Mr. Howland

J. S. Bach

If you desire to know more about Jesus Christ, or wish prayer for any reason, please come to the Parlor (Room 205) located next to the Information Center, following the worship service where Elders and Prayer Leaders will be available to pray with you.

Do you have a question about PCPC or want to find a Sunday School Community? Following each service, please come to the Information Center located in the south hallway of the building adjacent to the sanctuary. Greeters are also available at every entrance to assist you.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bob Smith on the occasion of his birthday by Alissa, Crystal and Jill.

***The Congregation stands.**