

## Prayer of Preparation

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...

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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~ St. Patrick's Breastplate (shortened)

## Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Joy Group.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Refreshments for next Sunday:** Peace Group.  
Contact Lisa Haas 828-387-7788.

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Service for the Lord's Day  
**13 March 2022**

\* Congregation Stands

## GREETING

Leader: *The Lord be with You.*

**All: And also with you.**

## PRELUDE

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 32:1-2*

Leader: *Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*

**All: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE

*#11 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. We are those people so let us confess our sin to God in whose light we see the light.*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Our Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no***

***longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.***

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. All who received him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

### \* PASSING THE PEACE

### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION

*#384 Spirit Song*

## SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

*Luke 15:*

*Joining the Party of Joy*

### \* COMMUNION HYMN

*#352 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

### \* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \* HYMN OF SENDING

*#688 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### \* BENEDICTION

