

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY***



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I AM ON THE BATTLEFIELD FOR MY LORD

**I am on the battlefield for my Lord,
I am on the battlefield for my Lord,
And I promised Him that I would serve Him till I die
I am on the battlefield for my Lord.**

- 1) I was alone and idle,
I was a sinner too;
I heard the voice from heaven,
Say there is work to do.
I took the Master's hand,
And I joined the Christian band;
I am on the battlefield for my Lord.**
- 2) I left my friends and kindred,
Bound for the Promised Land,
The grace of God upon me,
The Bible in my hand.
In distant lands I trod,
Crying sinners come to God;
I am on the battlefield for my Lord.**
- 3) Now when I met my Savior,
I met Him with a smile;
He healed my wounded spirit,
And owned me as His child.
Around the throne of grace,
He appoints my soul a place;
I am on the battlefield for my Lord.**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE.....PIANIST/CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT TO WORSHIP....."HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION

DOXOLOGY.....**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above each heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Minister/Steward

L: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *(Ps. 122:1-2)*

P: **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.** *(Ps. 84:10)*

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good. *(Ps. 122:9)*

P: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.** *(Ps. 92:13)*

L: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. *(Ps. 28:8)*

P: **For the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.** *(Hab. 2:20)*

L: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *(Ps. 19:14)*

P: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises.** *(Ps. 19:1&4)*

THE MORNING HYMN #390,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,"I AM ON THE BATTLEFIELD"

THE PRAYERS.....ELDERS & DEACONS

Prayer of Purification, Prayer of Pardon, and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Purification

Celebrant: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord...

The Prayer of Pardon

Celebrant: Almighty God, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to you with true repentance and sincere faith; Have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all of our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Savior...

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our LORD, to set forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the Company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. AMEN!

THE PRAYER RESPONSE #619....."SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**Matthew 5: 1-12 (niv)**
(Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 6: 1-12)

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

PREFACE..... **'From all that dwell below the skies,
Let thy creator's praise arise;
Let the redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.'**

THE DECALOGUE (in full).....**Minister/Steward**

M: And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M: You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children of the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

P: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

P: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God, in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

P: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Hymn: My soul be on your guard, Ten thousand foes arise; And hosts of sin are pressing hard, To draw you from the skies.

M: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

P: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M: You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep these laws.

M: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

P: Lord have mercy upon us, and write these laws upon our hearts.

Hymn: Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross, That raiseth me.
Still on my song shall be, Nearer God to Thee.
Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

M: And He said to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**THE GLORIA PATRI....."Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

SELECTION.....MASS CHOIR

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....Finance Committee

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Pastor Hale

SERMONIC SELECTION.....	MASS CHOIR
THE MESSAGE.....	Pastor Hale
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....	Pastor Hale
INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....	MASS CHOIR
WELCOME.....	Pastor Hale

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
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HOLY COMMUNION HYMN #530....."LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Chief Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, praying together in one voice our General Confession.

Celebrant and People: ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our LORD, Jesus Christ, Creator and Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Response: *AMEN!*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant: O Merciful Savior, we do not come to your holy table trusting in our own grace and mercy, but in the greatness of your mercy. We are not worthy enough to gather up the crumbs under your table. You are the LORD and your love has met, and always will meet, every human need. Grant us humble access to your love in the sacramental feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and wash away our sinful pride, so that in mercy we may be drawn near to you and to him who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, now and forever.

Choral Response: *AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!*

THE CONSECRATION

Chief Celebrant: All glory, power and honor to you, Almighty God, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who did make us in your own image. And when we fell into sin, you of your tender mercy did give your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world: And instituted and commanded us to continue this perpetual memorial of his precious death until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This, is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, with this bread and cup we remember the life our LORD offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Gracious God, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Bless and sanctify these gifts with your Holy Spirit and bless us to your service that we may faithfully receive in unity and peace the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen!

THE SOLICITATION

Chief Celebrant: You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE ELEMENTS SHARED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 arose 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 church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS —

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons:

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany:

Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Psalm 112: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20

Church School for ALL Ages – 8:00 am *Every Sunday*

Prayer Meeting – Every Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Class Leaders – Monday, February 3, 6:00 p.m.
- Christian Education – Monday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.
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CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- Today, February 2, YPD "Souper Bowl of Sharing". The YPD will be taking up a special offering to support a local ministry. Plan now to support our youth as we help them to learn to give to others.
- February 9, Founder's Day. Rev. Frederick E. Hale will be the guest preacher. Dinner will immediately follow the worship service.
- February 23, Black History Month Celebration. Presiding Elder Golphin will be preaching.
- Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m., 2nd Quarterly Conference.
- Friday-Saturday, February 28-29, District Conference hosted by St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Richmond, KY.

REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$171.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA171**.
- Conference Claims per member per month is **\$15.00/\$180.00** per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.

- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in: If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at (859) 361-1426.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Calling Post

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! *The Calling Post comes on your caller-id as "Oklahoma City"*, phone number (405) 308-4474, so please add that to your contacts as "The Calling Post". Thank you!!!

- Visit our Saint Paul website to "worship in giving" digitally (visit spvame.com and you will see the link for "Offerings"), get a copy of our Sunday Bulletin, or see our church calendar.

Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Call in: 425-436-6260; Access Code: 2913187#. Please mute your phone so others can't hear you or what's going on around you. Thank you!! For Sunday School, call in about 7:55 a.m., start promptly at 8:00 a.m.; For Sunday Worship, call in about 9:25 a.m., start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; For Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study, call in about 6:55 p.m., start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dereke Kirtley	February 4
Deborah Turner	February 6
Marilyn Collins	February 11

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Charles Brown, III	Mildred Jones
Armenta Chase	Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Christine Collins	Norman Morton
Lorie Dale	Betty Moseley
Phyllis Dockies	Odes Nash
Lewis Givens	Thomas Parrish
Damon Greene	Mona Amburgey Romine
Jacqueline Greenlee	Rev. James E. Smith
Rev. Frederick E. Hale	Renee Scott Smith
Mary Marcella Higgins	Russell Thornton
Pearl C. Higgins	Frances Walker
Kenneth Howard	Anna Williams

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Call, visit, send a card and let them know you care.

SERMON NOTES

Date: _____

Songs we sang:



Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Text: _____

List all Scripture references mentioned:

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Write some sentences about the sermon:


