

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us. In that sure and certain knowledge, let us approach God in faith as we join in the prayer of confession below.

Prayer of Confession:

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us through your living Word, but we refuse to listen. You feed us with the bread of life, but we hunger for other things. Forgive us; give us awareness of our new life in Christ! Help us to experience the promise of our baptisms: the resurrection life that death cannot destroy. This we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Let us all rejoice and be at peace for in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven! Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

See the separate sheets for the Scripture and Sermon.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We praise you, God our creator, for your handiwork in shaping and sustaining all of your wondrous creation. We thank you for the miracle of life and your faithfulness to bring about growth and maturity, when we do not understand how it happens and even when we are unaware of it. Thank you for the wonder of living and all the special blessings which you send to us each day. We thank you for the resources of the earth which provide for our nourishment and well-being. We are thankful for all the people you have given us who share with us their gifts of love, forgiveness, encouragement, correction and faith.

We ask that you give wisdom and courage to our civic, business, family and spiritual leaders so that they may always do what is right in your eyes and set good examples for us to follow. We pray for those who are weary from heavy burdens of physical illness, emotional distress, mental confusion, spiritual dullness and interpersonal conflict and estrangement. Loving God, grant them rest, healing and restoration. In your mercy, O God, send deliverance and peace to those suffering at the hands of others due to war, violence, substance abuse, greed and ignorance. We ask that you would have mercy on us as we are living with the effects of the corona virus; end this pandemic soon and restore us to our lives of work, study, fellowship and worship. And we ask, that you give special attention to those we lift up, who are especially near and dear to us

Hear our prayers, O Lord, as we join our voices with thousands of others around the world and pray together the prayer Jesus taught his disciple, saying:

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. Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine 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. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Charge and Benediction:

Friends, be confidence in the fact that:
He who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion in Christ Jesus
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

And now, may the grace, mercy and peace
of God the Father,
God the Son and
God the Holy Spirit
be with you and abide with you
lead you and guide you,
This day and forevermore. Amen.

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In Ministry Together for the Glory of God

Home Worship

April 19, 2020 – Second Sunday of Easter

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (Psalm 150)

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his
mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his
surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings
and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing
cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!