

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God using the prayer of confession below.

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord our God, we are a people in need of your grace, for in pride we have condemned others, in greed we have taken more than we need, and in fear we have denied you. Have mercy on us, Lord, for our sins, for our failure to love you fully and for our neglect of others. Restore us to right relationships with you, ourselves and each other and give us the courage to live as faithful disciples for the sake of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture tells us that "... as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him; and as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Let us all rejoice and be glad for in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven! Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

See the separate pages for the Scripture and Sermon.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Lord of wind and water, of calmness and peace, be with us this day. Help us to relinquish our need for control and to place our trust totally in you. Calm our fears as we face uncertain futures and remind us that you have sent the Holy Spirit to help us as we faithfully work for good out of gratitude for the many blessings you have poured upon us. When the storms of life threaten us, help us again turn to you, remembering your saving mercies and love. Empower us to proclaim your presence in the

face of doubt, and fear and anger so that we might bring hope, courage and peace to those around us.

Merciful God, we ask that you strengthen us in prayer as we lift up the needs of this world for your salvation and healing. Especially we pray for:

those who live in conflict due to war, greed or broken relationships ... *(a time of silence)*

those who are suffering from illness or pain ... *(a time of silence)*

those who are grieving the loss of a loved one ... *(a time of silence)*

those closest to us: families, friends, neighbors ... *(a time of silence)*

We thank you for the many ways in which you have already healed us and for all the goodness you have richly poured upon us. And we offer these prayers of petition in the name of Jesus Christ who taught his disciples to pray 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 keep in touch with each other and take care of yourselves.

As we continue waiting for the “all clear” 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 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 30:4-5, 1 & 11-12)

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise God’s holy name.

For God’s anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

We will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted us out of the depths and did not let our enemies gloat over us.

God turned my wailing into dancing; he removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my heart may sing his praises and not be silent.

Therefore, O LORD our God, we will praise your name forever.

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