

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession:

The Scriptures tell us that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. So, let us boldly approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. Let us join together in the prayer of confession below.

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our sinful hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Help us to see others as equal in value with ourselves so that with reverent and humble hearts we may reach out in your love. As we draw near to you admitting our failures and confiding in your grace, may we find peace for our souls and renewed strength for our journey together as your disciples in this place. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The Psalmist declares to us that the mercy of our Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

See separate pages for Scripture and Sermon.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Merciful God, we praise you that you give us strength for every weakness, forgiveness for our failures, and new beginnings in Jesus Christ. We are grateful to be claimed as your children and called to be a part of the work you are doing in this world.

We also thank you:

for the guidance of your Spirit through each day ...
for people who have helped us in our life's journey ...

for those who struggle for justice and peace ...

for those who provide for our care, safety and well-being ...
and for those who give us unexpected or undeserved gifts
of love

Almighty God, you know all our needs before we speak, yet you welcome our concerns for others in Jesus Christ. We pray:

for those who are experiencing grief or illness ... grant
them healing and wholeness;

for those who keep watch over the sick and dying ... give
them patience and endurance for the long days and
nights

for those who are lonely, distressed or weak ... send them
companionship, peace and support

for those who are in positions of authority over others ...
may they do their work with wisdom and compassion.

Loving God, we praise you for your presence in our lives,
and offer all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ who taught
his disciple 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, be strong and of good courage, for God is with us no matter what we are experiencing.

As we continue on our journeys of faith,
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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Order of Worship
May 10, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Session:

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