

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light,
We confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness.
We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts.
We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth.
We have confused meekness with weakness,
holiness with civility,
and anger with righteousness.
Forgive us, we pray.
By the power of your word, save us from the prison of our conceit,
and liberate us so that we may serve you with whole hearts.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

HS No. 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Psalmist declares that those who speak the truth from their heart will abide in God's sanctuary. God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts. Now let the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness flow through you. May the abundance of God's mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 256

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "God is our eternal King."
Praise God, all ye hosts above, ever shining forth in love.
Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 8:1-8a	NT pg. 40
EPISTLE LESSON	James 1: 17-27	NT pg. 215
COMMUNION MEDITATION	Generous Doers	Lynne Clements

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

from A Brief Statement of Faith

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

* PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP

HS No. 81

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor, to God's name.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...therefore we join our voices with all those who sing your praise.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion Music *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

You have fed us with the bread of life

and renewed us in body, mind, and spirit.

As we depart from this place, may we find new strength

in loving and serving one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

No. 504

In the second verse, feel free to change God the Father to God Almighty.

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Roulade

Gerald Near

Hymnal, page 16



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**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*God, our strength,
you have brought
us into your holy
place through
Christ, who has
given us eternal
life. As you made
us alive by his
flesh and blood,
cause us to boldly
witness to the
gospel, welcome
the stranger, and
pursue peace,
standing through
the struggles of
our times. Amen.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God's holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 276

*In the first verse, feel free to change my Father to Creator,
as suggested in the hymnal.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God
and the world, trusting in God's mercy to forgive.*

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.

Please turn off cell phones during the service.