

Sunday Worship

January 23, 2022

THE APPROACH TO GOD

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.

GREETING

The Lord be with you, sisters, and brothers.

OPENING PRAYER & CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slow to do good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us. We are sorry for all we have done, and failed to do, which is contrary to your great love. Teach us to hate sin. Cleanse us from secret sins. Forgive us according to your great mercy, for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free. Believe this good news and live in its peace.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another:

“The peace of Christ be with you all.”

“And, also with you.”

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and your Spirit so that in your love, we will love, and in your will, discover peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:36-40

SERMON

“Who Do We Minister To?”

PRAYER OF BLESSING

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God may your great love be so graced into our hearts that we exhibit the fruit of the Spirit, to the honor and praise of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

