

We Enter God's Presence

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

P: And grant us your salvation

L: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

P: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L: Let your way be known upon earth;

P: Your saving health among all nations.

L: Let not the needy, O Lord be forgotten;

P: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

P: And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

THE CHURCH CONFESSES

Call to confession

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit our brokenness to God.

Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE: Born a Child and Yet a King

HYMN

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

...And now, as Christ our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us peace that the world cannot give. Let your Spirit of truth abide with us so that we may live in hope, grow in faith, and keep your commandments of love; in your name we pray. Amen

*BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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