



## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your Son called for us, as his followers, to deny ourselves; to embark on a narrow path leading towards life centered in you and your love. Forgive us when, like Peter, we identify your power with prestige rather than servanthood, and falter in our understanding of what following you really means. Forgive us for failing to trust your wisdom, for allowing our decisions to be guided by our human weakness rather than your strength. Forgive us when our common sense calls us to prefer the comfort of the familiar, rather than responding to your call to follow you into the unknown and risky journey of discipleship. Give us the grace to listen and to trust in the midst of the unknowing nature of your call to each of us. Renew us with the power of your Spirit so that we can commit ourselves anew to the challenge of serving others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.  
Thanks be to God!

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579 *Gloria Patri*

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

\* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*  
Response - *“And also with you.”*)

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

*+ Children and Youth leave for their Bible Study Classes. +*

HYMN 372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart

*I Want to Be a Christian*

### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 1:20-33

SECOND LESSON Mark 8:27-38

SERMON “Divine Thoughts” Rev. Richard S. Hong

#### \* NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing...*

**\* THE DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**THE INVITATION**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Pastor: Eternal and ever-living God...

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**SANCTUS 581 (choir and congregation)**

Joseph Roff

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. ... And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

*People: 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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. –Revelation 3:20*

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

**BREAD:** To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

**CUP:** Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

## COMMUNION

Come, Follow Me

John Leavitt

*Come, follow me," said Christ, the Lord, "All in my way abiding;  
Your selfishness throw overboard, Obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear your crosses, and confide In my example as your guide.  
"I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying;  
I help you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show How you should journey here below.  
Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to his word, In suffering be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strains The crown of heavenly life obtain.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE SENDING OUT

\* HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

\* BENEDICTION

*(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)*

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Proverbs 1:20-33 (NRSV)

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. <sup>21</sup>At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: <sup>22</sup>"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup>Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. <sup>24</sup>Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, <sup>25</sup>and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, <sup>26</sup>I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, <sup>27</sup>when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. <sup>28</sup>Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. <sup>29</sup>Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, <sup>30</sup>would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, <sup>31</sup>therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. <sup>32</sup>For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; <sup>33</sup>but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

### Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and

the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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