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## PRELUDE

# GATHERING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can  
 feel his might - y pow - er and his grace. I can  
 hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;  
 Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

## CONFESSION

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

***Our will is shackled to sin, and we cannot break ourselves free.***

Merciful God, forgive us.

***We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.***

*Silence is kept*

Merciful God, forgive us.

***We were silent when we should have said something.***

*Silence is kept*

Merciful God, forgive us.

***We acted when we should have remained still.***

*Silence is kept*

Merciful God, forgive us.

***We were stationary when we know we should have moved.***

*Silence is kept*

Merciful God, forgive us.

***For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## FORGIVENESS

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God has mercy on us, forgives us all our sins in the name of † Christ Jesus our Savior, and brings us to everlasting life.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

## **KYRIE**

*after each petition*

... let us pray to the Lord

***Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy***

*the kyrie ends:*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord

***Amen.***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us Pray. God, we know you are Love,

***You have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love one another as unconditionally as you love us. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who with his life and death and resurrection taught us what Love really is. Amen.***

# **WORD**

## **FIRST READING**

**PSALM 89:1-4**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

"I will establish your descendants forever,

and build your throne for all generations."

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

a God feared in the council of the holy ones,

great and awesome above all that are around him?

O LORD God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O LORD?

Your faithfulness surrounds you.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the Twelfth chapter:

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet.”’

David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## PRAYERS

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*after each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy.  
***hear our prayer.***

*the prayers conclude:*

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

## PEACE

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your mercy, and teach us to pray:

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen*

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation  
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,  
‡ bless you, unbind you,  
And send you out in love and in peace.  
*Amen*



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
 be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
 render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
 support the weak; help the afflicted;  
 honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit .

*Thanks be to God.*

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