

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12:3-6

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: ‘Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’”

Let’s worship God. Let’s pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Blessed are you, our Lord and our God. Please help us unite as one body and lift our voice in praise to you. As we come into your presence, make real the words spoken by the Prophet Isaiah, as we give thanks to you, call on your name, make your deeds known among people, and see to it that your name is celebrated here on earth. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together...

“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.”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalms 80:1-3

“Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!”

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 12:1-2

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE #705

Gloria Patri

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with those who are seated near you, and with those who are with us online.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Give us ear, O God, that we may hear your word. **Give us heart, O God**, that we may seek you faithfully and fully throughout our days. **Give us feet, O God**, that we may carry your word with us throughout this life. **Give us hands, O God**, that we may be faithful to do the work you have prepared for each of us to do, and the even more difficult task of leaving alone your work which does not belong to us.

We admit that there are times when we cannot understand your will or your work. In those moments, give us faith to trust you. And help us, we pray, to find you in your word.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE #1:

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE #2:

Jeremiah 23:1-8, 28-32

¹ “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set

