

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:13-17

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

In the name of our Glorious Lord and Savior, let's join together heart and voice to worship our God. Let's pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Creator of the Heavens and Earth, and all that is within them. Blessed be your Holy Name. We thank you for naming us among your people and inviting us to this moment of grace and into the place of love. Give strength to our voice that we may worship you in spirit and truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together....

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 25:6-7, 16-18

The 25th Psalm is a prayer that asks that we be forgiven our sins. “Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! ... Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.” Knowing that we need to seek forgiveness from God, we bring our silent prayers confessing our sinfulness.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:18-20

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, all too often our world looks for darkness and is blind to your light. Open our eyes that we may see visions of your glory. Open our lives that others may then see your glory in each one of us. Let this begin, we pray, as we receive your Word. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the true light of the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE #1:**LUKE 10:25-37 (ESV)**

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.”

And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE #2:

AMOS 1:1-2, 3:1-8 (ESV)

¹ The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

² And he said: “The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.”

¹ Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

² “You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

³ “Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet? ⁴ Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing? ⁵ Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing? ⁶ Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD has done it?

⁷ “For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. ⁸ The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?”

SERMON:

THE NOT SO FAMOUS BOOK OF AMOS: BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

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therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”*

(Amos 3:2, ESV)