

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138:4-5

“All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.”

Let's worship the Lord, 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. Receive from us the full measure of worship. Where our words fall short, may your Spirit lift our prayers. In your mercy, close the gap that separates us from your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together,

*** HYMN/SONGS OF PRAISE**

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with others who are near you, and with those who worship with us online.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalms 85:4-8

From the 85th Psalm: “Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.”

We and our world need to be restored by our God. Let’s confess our sinful nature as we pray, saying together,

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 85:9-13

“Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.”

Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we are surrounded by your light and by your love. Work within us and prepare us to see you more clearly and to love more sincerely. Work through us so that others may see our works and give glory to you. We ask this for your glory and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

² And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE #2:

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

SERMON

*The Not So Famous Book of Amos:
Broken Religion*

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and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
(Amos 5:18)*