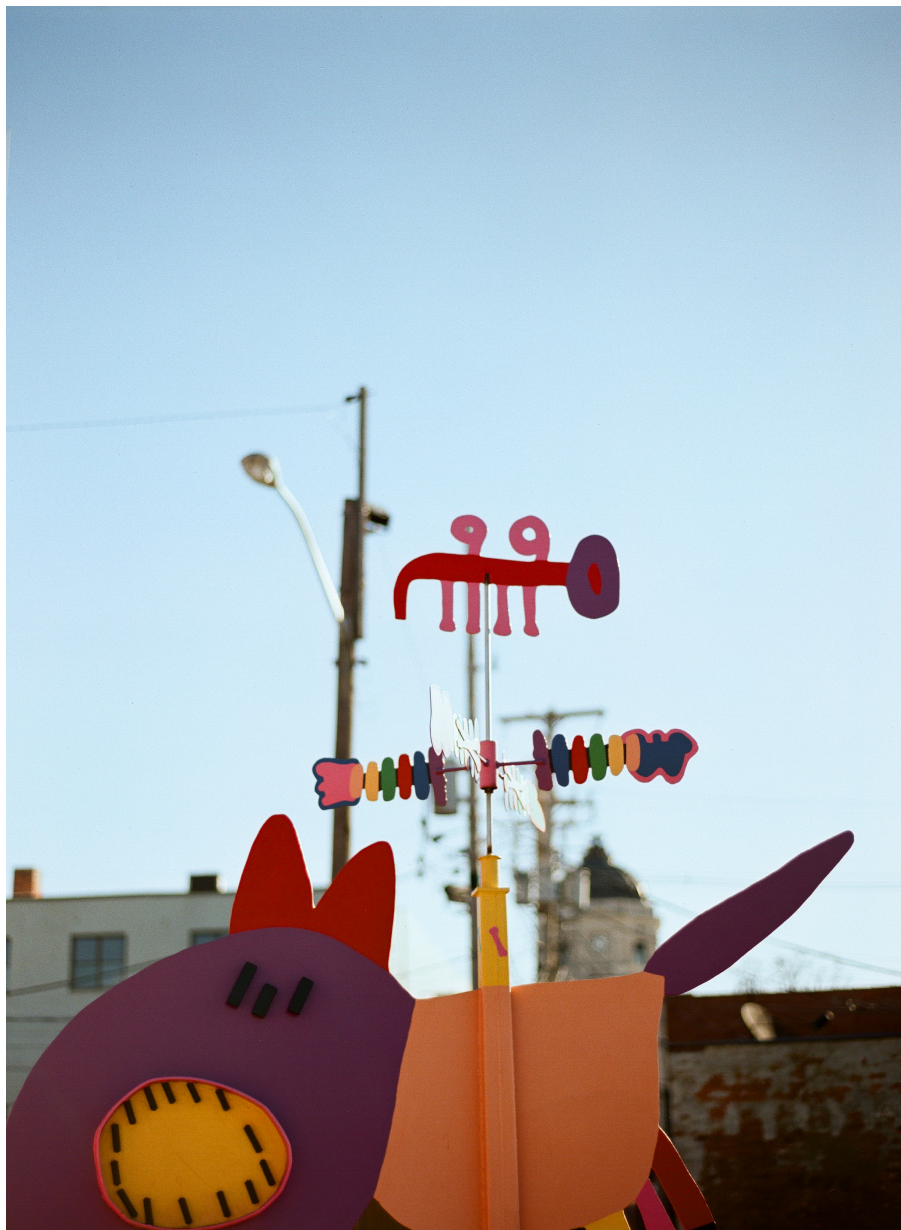


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God Gathers — We Prepare

Preparation for Worship

“The great talker is rarely a great listener, and never is the ear more firmly closed than when anger takes over...When anger comes in, listening flies out.”

Alec Motyer

Reader #1

Reader #2

Reader #3

Reader #4

Reader #5

Reader #6

Reader #7

Reader #8

Reader #9

God Calls — We Praise

Call to Worship (Standing)

Psalms 66:16-20

Leader Come and hear all you who fear God,
And I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Reader 1 I cried to him with my mouth,
And high praise was on my tongue.

Reader 2 If I had cherished sin in my heart,
The Lord would not have listened.

Reader 3 But truly God has listened;
He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Reader 4 Blessed be God,
Because he has not rejected my prayer
Or removed his steadfast love from me!

God Invites — We Confess

Community Confession of Sin (Be seated or kneel)

Leader God our Savior,
Even while we praise you as the Almighty King of Creation
whose authority is above all earthly power,
We have failed to give you authority over
even the smallest matters in our lives.

Reader 5 We confess our arrogant, self-centered use of power
over matters in our lives and in your world.

We desperately cling to our own power through
so many different means.

Reader 6 And we fail to cling to your divine authority, wisdom,
guidance, and love revealed through your Word.

Forgive us, we pray, for the sin of placing ourselves at the
very center of our lives.

Reader 7 Forgive us for the sin of resisting the authority of your Word.

Forgive us for the sin of failing to consistently live out your
Word in our day to day lives.

Reader 8 Forgive us for the harm our sins have done to others,
to ourselves, and to your creation.

Leader In your mercy,
Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin (Silence is kept)

God Assures — We Give Thanks

Declaration of Forgiveness (Standing)

Ezekiel 36:23-29; 37:26-28

Leader “The nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses...

...I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forever more.”

Song of Assurance "In Tenderness He Sought Me"

Leader In tenderness He sought me,
Weary and sick with sin,
And on His shoulders brought me,
Into His flock again.
While angels in His presence sang,
Until the courts of heaven rang.

Chorus:

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!

He washed the bleeding sin-wounds,
And poured in oil and wine;
He whispered to assure me,
"I've found you, you are Mine:"
I never heard a sweeter voice,
It made my aching heart rejoice.

He pointed to the nail-prints,
For me His blood was shed;
A mocking crown so thorny
Was placed upon His head:
I wondered what He saw in me,
To suffer such deep agony.

I'm sitting in His presence,
The sunshine of His face,
While with adoring wonder,
His blessings I retrace.
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sound His praise.

So while the hours are passing,
All now is perfect rest;
I'm waiting for the morning,
The brightest and the best,
When He will call us to His side,
To be with Him, His spotless Bride.

God Proclaims — We Receive

Christ as Prophet—The Word to Us (Standing)

James 1:19-27

Reader 9 ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Reader 9 This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Christ as Priest—The Sacrament for Us

Profession of Faith (Standing)

The Christ Hymn, Quoted by Paul in Philippians 2:5-11, ca. AD 60-62

Leader Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus:

All who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of
death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Coronation Anthem

Gloria Patri

Leader 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.

Words: Anonymous, 2nd Cent; Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

*Christ as King—***The Lord over Us**

Offering our Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

All **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.
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.
Amen.**

God Sends — We Enter our Mission

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:3, 5

Leader The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.