Forgotten Father - Liturgy I

CALL TO WORSHIP

An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.

Psalm 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God provides homes for those who are deserted, he leads out the prisoners to prosperity..



CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.

CONFESSION

LEADER

Father, you demonstrate perfect love, delight, and pursuit of your children. You pour your love into us by the Holy Spirit.

TOGETHER

But we reject your provision.

We turn our backs on you.

We run away from your love.

We walk this world hungry and thirsty for acceptance.

We live as if we are fatherless.

TOGETHER

Our hearts are unrestrained, with desire for other loves. Father, forgive us.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

Father, You watch for us, run to meet us, open your arms, and welcome us in Jesus.

For all who follow the voice of the Spirit of God, the work of Jesus has made you sons and daughters of the Father.



LEADER

Do not fear! God the Father will not abandon you. He has joyfully made a place for you in his home to father you as his sons and daughters. He has sealed you with his Spirit to remind you that you belong to him and nothing can strip you from his hand.

TOGETHER

His care is infinite!
His provision is abundant!
His embrace is refuge!
His discipline is love!
And His love has no bounds!
Thanks be to God!



BENEDICTION

A blessing from the authority of scripture over the people.

Ephesians 1:17-19 (CSB)

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength."

