

Forgotten Father - Liturgy II

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

John 17:1-3

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.



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.

SET UP

We believe following Jesus is a life of regularly turning away from our sin and turning back to God; we call this turning repentance. Let's join our voices in confessing sin as we seek to have lives marked and formed by repentance.

CONFESSION

TOGETHER

Father God, we have forgotten you.

LEADER

You have offered to us your fatherly wisdom

TOGETHER

But we have claimed to be wise in our own eyes,
and have chosen to be formed instead
by the popular opinions of the day.

LEADER

You have offered to us your fatherly authority

TOGETHER

But we have rebelled against you,
living self-absorbed lives under our own rule and reign.

LEADER

You have offered to us your fatherly affection and
kindness



TOGETHER

But we have chosen to make our home in this world
and have run away from your presence.

TOGETHER

Father, we return to you, for you are good.
We submit to you, for you are trustworthy.
We turn to you, for you are merciful.
Please, forgive us.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

Hear this good news:

Through the finished work of Jesus the Son of God, we
are offered a way back home. As a father shows
compassion to his children, so the Lord shows
compassion to those who are his.

LEADER

Though we are slow to learn, God is patient to teach us.
He is faithful and trustworthy in all things.
We can be sure that God, our Father, will finish the good
work that he began in us.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!



BENEDICTION

A blessing from the authority of scripture over the people.

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

