

Metaphors for the Church- The Temple of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

...based on Revelation 21:3-6

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

And he who was seated on the throne said,

“Behold, I am making all things new.’

And he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.”



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, Son, Holy Spirit, you are a fountain of love whose presence is full of abundance, delight, promise and joy. The weight of your presence overflows and enchants the earth with worship, forgiveness, beauty and holiness. You have called us to be your temple, a dwelling place for your presence and a light to the nations.

TOGETHER

But we are a people of unclean lips, who are prone to be content with religious appearance void of the power of God. And we confess that often we are a stiff-necked people, joining the world in corrupting the society we are called to transform. We are guilty before your holiness, O God

TOGETHER

Forgive us of our hollow worship and rebellious hearts of stone. O God, give us hearts of flesh that we might receive your renewing presence, and extend it to the world.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

For all who rest in the mediating death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone:
He is the thin place where heaven and earth meet; where God and man are reconciled.



Now you are a dwelling place for his presence, and he is your God.
In the sight of God, You are chosen and precious, a holy priesthood,
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ and established to fill the
earth with his glory.

TOGETHER

We are the temple of God.

Thanks be to God!



BENEDICTION

A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.

...based on Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

