

# The Gospel of Mark - Liturgy II

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



# 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

TOGETHER

Father, we confess that we have not set our minds on things that are true, honorable, pure and lovely.

We twist who you are with our imaginations and dishonor the people made in your image.

We place our desires above you,  
and set our minds on earthly things.

Father forgive us.

## ASSURANCE

LEADER

My friends, lift your weary eyes and set them on Jesus.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; the new has come.

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but the spirit of adoption, making you children of the Father,  
joint heirs with Christ, and filled with the Spirit to offer God's grace  
to the world.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!



# **BENEDICTION**

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

