

The Gospel of Mark - Liturgy IX

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Hosea 6:1, 3

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers as the spring rains that water the earth.



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

God, the earth is filled with your voice and you have not ceased to speak to us, but we harden our hearts, and refuse to listen to you;

TOGETHER

Christ have mercy, and forgive us.

LEADER

You have blessed the earth with your constant presence, but we live as though you are absent from our lives;

TOGETHER

Christ have mercy, and forgive us.

LEADER

Your worth is immeasurable, but in our idolatry we exhaust our affections on everything but you;

TOGETHER

Christ have mercy, and forgive us.

LEADER

You promise to heal us and bind our wounds, but we embrace bitterness when we experience the trials and pains of this world;

TOGETHER

Christ have mercy, and forgive us.



ASSURANCE

LEADER

Hear the assurance of the gospel:

God is gracious, merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. He upholds the fallen, and he raises the humble; and speaks forgiveness to those who repent.

Jesus identifies with you, humbling himself by becoming obedient to death on the cross for your sake.

In Christ, your sins are forgiven, your suffering will not go wasted, and your every need is supplied, so that you may live a life of godliness until the eternal day of glory.

TOGETHER

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your rule endures throughout all generations. Thanks be to God!



BENEDICTION

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

Colossians 2:2-3

May your hearts be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

