

Learning, Unlearning, Relearning the Way of Jesus

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stands

A Journey through Lent, to the cross and the empty grave.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of life, as we enter this Easter Season, we praise you for the gift of life in your Son. We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We pray especially for those who will join us today whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May we all sense how the resurrection is the source of great hope for ourselves and the world. Amen.

GREETING

Leader: *Christ is Risen!*

All: He is Risen Indeed!

*** CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 145:8-10**

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.*

SONG OF PRAISE

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

from Colossians 1

*Today we gather with the church around the world and through the ages
to confess our faith in Jesus, the Son, who is the image of the invisible God, the
firstborn over all creation.*

*We believe that in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created through him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

*And we confess that he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*

*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to
reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by
making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart O God you will not despise.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, in raising your son Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.*

*We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.*

*As a result, we confess that we still overlook the poor and hungry,
we pass by those who mourn;*

*we are deaf to the cries of the lonely and the oppressed
and indifferent to the promise of peace;*

we despise the weak and humble and abuse your creation.

Forgive us Father.

*Help us to trust in your power and hope in your love. Free us from the things
of death, change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life
abundant given in Jesus the King, our risen Lord. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we are healed.*

SERMON Matthew 6:5-13

Praying with the Risen Lord to Our Father

* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels
and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* BENEDICTION