

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us worship the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

INVOCATION:

O merciful Father, who in compassion for thy sinful children didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world: Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil which made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by Jesus Christ our only Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SCRIPTURE READING:

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept thy Word. Silence in us any voice but thine own, that hearing, we may also obey thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFTERWARD...

The Lord bless to us the reading of his holy Word, and to his name be all glory and praise. Amen.

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The Psalmist said, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple."

In that spirit let us worship God together.

INVOCACTION:

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength, by thy powerful Spirit make thy presence known to us now. Help us to be still and know that Thou art God, our creator, redeemer, friend and Lord; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Savior.

Amen

Offertory Prayer:

O thou, who art the source of all that we are and have and hope to become, let us share in thy glorious work through the giving of ourselves with these tokens of our devotion to thee and to Christ's cause in our time.

In his name. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERMON:

Enlighten our minds with thy truth, and capture our hearts with thy love,
O Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

...AFTERWARD

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