

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us worship God.

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son that everyone who believes in him should not be lost, but should have eternal life.

The Proof of God's amazing love is this:

That it was while we were sinners Christ died for us. It is in the same Jesus, because we have faith in him, that we dare with confidence to approach God.

INVOCATION:

Into thy house, O Lord we come this solemn hour acknowledging thy eternal presence. With steadfast adoration we praise thy Holy Name and worship thee in spirit and in truth. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let thy word abide with us until it has wrought in us thy holy will. Cleanse, quicken, and refresh our hearts; direct and increase our faith; and grant that we, by our worship at this time, may be enabled to see thee more clearly, to love thee more fully, and to serve thee more perfectly. Amen.

RAYER:

Almighty and everlasting God, we know that you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray. You are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us your great mercy and forgive us all our sins and give us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord and Master.

Many times we are not willing to face our faults and confess our sins. Lord, we now admit our guilt before you. Father, we have done wrong; by not caring when we should have loved; by our indifference to the cry of need; and by hating and ignoring our neighbors.

We have rejected the way of your Son, and no longer deserve to be called your children.

O God, we cannot help ourselves; forgive us; through Jesus Christ and his suffering and love for us.

Help us to accept this statement which is completely reliable: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. God's mercy never ends. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God our Father, Creator of this world and
giver of all good things: We thank you for our home on
earth and for the joy of living.
We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to set things right,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead:
because he lives, we live to praise you, Father.
Accept, now, O Lord, these offerings,
which we know make unto you,
and grant that the cause to which they are devoted
may prosper under your guidance and blessing;
to the glory of your great name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.