ELW Service of the Word

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the ☩ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God’s forgiveness with these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

**Gathering Song**

*The time of gathering song may be brief or extended, and may include one or more of the following: hymns, psalms; a Kyrie; a canticle of praise.*

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie** (ELW p. 213)

**Canticle of PRAISE** (ELW pp. 213-214)

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading:**

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:**

**Second Reading:**

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (ELW p. 216)

**Gospel:**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer with these or similar words.*

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,

let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God’s mercy for the whole world—*

*for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;*

*for the well-being of creation;*

*for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;*

*for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;*

*for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;*

*for the congregation, and for special concerns.*

*Additional prayers may come from the assembly.*

*Prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful departed may include those who recently have died and those commemorated on the church’s calendar.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,

trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Offering**

**Thanksgiving for the Word**

*The presiding minister leads one of the following or another appropriate prayer.*

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord’s Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Announcements**

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly’s participation in God’s mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.*

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

**Dismissal**

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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