

A SERVICE OF PRAYER

Christ Presbyterian Church

“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness, come before him with joyful songs.” (Ps. 100:1)

INVITATORY

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn #92 A mighty Fortress is our God

[Offerings of additional praise]

CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and resistant in doing good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love, in acting as the unfaithful wife, in playing the harlot after false gods, we have been unfaithful to you. O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

2 Cor. 5:21, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

SCRIPTURE READING

[Lectionary Reading of the Day]

SUPPLICATIONS

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Let us pray now our needs and for the world

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Our gracious and glorious God, we ascribe to you now the glory that is all too often forgotten in the midst of our busy lives. We proclaim in renewed chorus our adoration and thanksgiving for you even as you have reassured us again of your covenant love. We thank you again for the common graces of this life within which you preserve for yourself a special people destined for that special grace in Christ. We praise you that your rainbow of promise has in fact been most perfectly and eternally accomplished in Christ who made atonement for our sin and now prepares a better place for those who put their trust in him. Help us God to live each day in light of the final day where Christ will judge the living and the dead. And upon that day when we will join together with all the saints of every age and place, we will again sing to you -- to God be the glory, great things he has done. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

#457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

BENEDICTION

2 Ths. 3:16, Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all. Amen.