

# Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day

February 16, 2020

Prelude

Introit

Chancel Choir

We Have Gathered

Call to Worship

Revelation 1:4b-8

Opening Hymn

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

\*Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

**O Eternal God and King of all creation, who has granted us to arrive at this hour, forgive us the sins that we have committed in thought, word, and deed; and cleanse, O Lord, our humble souls from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant us, O Lord, to pass the moments of this day and the sleep of this coming night in peace, that when we rise from our beds we may please your most holy name all the days of our lives and conquer our flesh and the fleshless foes that war with us. And deliver us, O Lord, from vain and frivolous thoughts, and from evil desires that defile us. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 10:43

\*The Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory

Chancel Choir

By Faith

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Bob Daily

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Unison Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:9-14

Anthem

Chancel Choir

We Will Glorify

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation

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God, Be Merciful to Me (vv.1-4)

Sermon

Rev. Peter Scribner

Galatians 5:16-25

\*Hymn of Celebration

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God, Be Merciful to Me (vv. 5-8)

\*Benediction

\*Parting Hymn

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**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

Postlude

*\*Those able are encouraged to stand.*

### **Featured Element of Worship: *Corporate Confession of Sins***

Especially since the sixteenth century Reformation...Christian worship serves as a representation of the gospel: from the call to worship to the benediction, God's people experience a reapplication of the Gospel...The call to worship mirrors effectual calling; the assurance of pardon applies the justifying word once again; the ministry of the Word serves to instruct in new obedience rooted in the Gospel; the benediction assures of God's grace for perseverance. Confession of sin fits nicely into this Gospel representation—as God effectually calls us, renewing our wills, enlightening our minds, we see our sin for what it is and confess it, admitting that we cannot save ourselves. God returns with the word of pardon, reminding us that God in Christ has done all that is necessary to make us right with Him. And so, confession of sin plays an important role each week in reminding us of this Gospel movement.

(Sean Lucas, from his forward to Bobby Griffith's *Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon: A Pocket Resource*)