



## **Call to Confession**

Trusting in God's goodness to us,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.  
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.  
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.  
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,  
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**

## **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Hear the good news.  
Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**  
Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
Amen.

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **Anthem**

### **"A Thanksgiving Garden"**

*O Lord, we come to thank You for all the works You've done, for sowing love within us, for sending us Your Son. We thank You for the garden You plant within the soul, And the fruit Your vines have yielded is more than we can hold. Thank You, Lord, for the harvest You have given. Thank You, Lord, for the blessings You bestow; For the peace and joy You give, for all the love You show, for making our garden grow. You rain on us Your goodness, You shower us with love; and all the things for living You send from heaven above. You nurture seeds of kindness, You tend our hearts with care. You are the great Provider, Your praise we now declare. Thank You, Lord, for the harvest You have given. Thank you Lord, for the blessings You bestow; For the peace and joy You give, for all the love You show, for making our garden grow.*

## **A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word**

### **Scripture**

Luke 21:5-19

### **Sermon**

"Words of Wisdom"

the Reverend Chris Richardson

**\*An Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

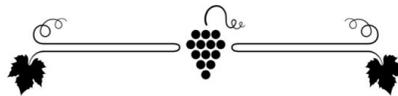
**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**\*The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!**

**\*Hymn 376**

**“We Gather Together”**



**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to God's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

**It is always right and our greatest joy to give God thanks and praise....**

....Therefore, we join our voices with all those who sing your praise  
**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest....**

....for great is the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....**

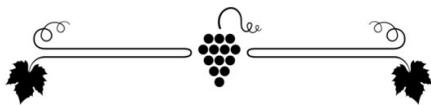
...as our Savior, Jesus, taught us to pray when he said:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

A Prayer After Communion

**God of grace, you renew us at your Table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Grant that this food may strengthen us in love and help us to serve you as we serve one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**



**Invitation to the Offering**

Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

**Offertory**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

Cruger

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **We Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn 381      "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"      Verses 1,4**

#### **Charge**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

#### **Blessing**

May the grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
and the Holy Spirit keep you,  
this day and forevermore.

#### **Postlude**

**"Count Your Blessings"**

**Hamm**

