

LITURGY & SONGS – December 29, 2019

Reflection Quote:

"Humility is the highest virtue, the mother of them all." - Alfred Tennyson

Call to Worship:

Leader: We will arise and bless you, O LORD our God; You are from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise!

Leader: Jesus, you are the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and you uphold the universe by the word of your power.

All: Glory to you, O God, in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom your favor rests. <Based on Nehemiah 9:5; Hebrews 1:3; Luke 2:14>

Confession of Sin:

All: Father, we confess that our hearts are turned inward, focused on our own interests and desires. What comes naturally to us is selfish ambition and conceit. O Lord, have mercy on us for not loving others like you have loved us! Forgive us for being self-absorbed and teach us to consider others greater than ourselves. <Based on Philippians 2:1-4>.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Brothers and sisters, remember this good news: In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. By faith in our crucified and resurrected King, our sins are forgiven, and we are adopted as children of God. Let us praise his glorious name! <Based on Colossians 1:18-20>

Benediction:

Almighty God, who has poured upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Teach us humility, that we may count others more significant than ourselves. May our lives adorn the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ that we proclaim, that He may be glorified and that we may be filled with joy. Amen! <Based on Philippians 2:15; Titus 2:10>

SONGS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing! Great Are You Lord Be Still My Soul Joy To The World (Joyful, Joyful) Living Hope