

LITURGY & SONGS – January 5, 2020

Reflection Quote:

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." -Winston Churchill

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

All: We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders he has done.

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: We will declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, both now and forevermore. Amen.

<Based on Psalm 78:1-4; 96:1-4>

Confession of Sin:

Leader: Merciful Father, we confess that we have all but smothered the flame of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives through our busyness. Have mercy on us for prioritizing everything else above spending time with you. O Lord, you are waiting to meet with us in the secret place, but we are distracted by notifications on our phones and our long to-do lists. O Lord Jesus, teach us to withdraw to desolate places to pray.

<Based on 2 Timothy 1:6; Luke 5:16>

Assurance of Pardon:

All: Brothers and Sisters, let us remember this good news: Through his sinless life, his death on the cross, and his powerful resurrection, Jesus has saved us and called us to a holy calling. God has saved us not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Let us praise his glorious name! <Based on 2 Timothy 1:8-10>

Benediction:

Beloved, let us remember the words of our Lord Jesus, who said "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." May we step out with Jesus on his disciple-making mission, trusting that his Spirit will lead us and give us courage for the journey. For the Lord will rescue us from every evil deed and bring us safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

<Based on Matthew 4:19; 2 Timothy 4:18>

SONGS

Let Us Praise The One All Glory Be To Christ Holy Spirit Build My Life In Christ Alone