

# LITURGY & SONGS – December 20, 2020

#### **Call to Worship:**

**Leader**: Behold, Jesus is the Spirit-anointed Son of the Father. He will bring forth justice to the nations. A bruised reed he will not break and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth.

**All:** Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth. Let us give glory to the LORD and declare his praise, for he is our Redeemer.

**Leader:** Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

**All:** For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. <Based on Isaiah 30:18; 42:1-3>

#### **Confession of Sin:**

All: Father, we confess that there are parts of our lives that feel broken beyond healing. We have been deeply wounded by the sins of others. The moments of darkness and pain from our past leave us wondering whether you are good, loving, and sovereign. Our hearts are calloused and hardened against you because of the pain and abuse we have experienced in this fallen world. Heal our broken hearts, Lord Jesus, and forgive us for running away from you in the midst of our suffering. Help us to believe that you will redeem what is broken.

<Based on Revelation 21:5>

#### **Assurance of Pardon:**

**Leader:** Beloved, hear this good news: we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. We have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us. He is our great high priest over the house of God who always lives to make intercession for us. By faith in his name, our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water. Therefore, let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for he who promised is faithful. Hallelujah!

<Based on Hebrews 10:10, 19-23>

### **Benediction:**

**Leader:** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself with be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. Amen.

<Based on Revelation 21:3-5>

## **SONGS**

Joy to the World In Christ Alone O Holy Night O Praise The Name O Come All Ye Faithful