

# LITURGY & SONGS – January 3, 2021

### Call to Worship

Leader:

O Lord my God, early will I seek you. My soul thirsts for you. My flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land. Your lovingkindness is better than life, and my lips shall praise you. Thus, I will bless you while I live. I will lift up my hands in your name. Because you have been my help, I will rejoice in the shadow of your wings! (Based on Psalm 63)

## **Confession of Sin**

A11:

Father, you offer unhindered relationship with you through prayer, yet we fail to engage with you daily. We often neglect your voice, and choose less worthy masters. We have grown comfortable with days and weeks between real encounters of your presence.

When we do pray, we often do it to be seen and heard by others rather than to commune with you. Father of mercy, teach us to pray. Save us from hypocrisy and help us to be lovers of your presence.

(Based on Mathew 6)

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader:

What is impossible with man, is possible with God! The son of God, who abides with God, has come to save us from ourselves. Jesus Christ has perfect communion with the father, and we partake in this union. His blood washes over our sins, and we have been made sons and daughters of the most high. In him, we may boldly approach the throne of grace and make known to God our needs. The Lord our God cares for us.

(Based on Mathew 6, Luke 18, Hebrews 4)

#### **Benediction**

Leader:

Go now, for the spirit of God is with you. He surrounds you on all sides. Trust in him with your whole being. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

(Based on Psalm 139, Joshua 1)

## **SONGS**

All Creatures Of Our God And King All Glory Be To Christ How Deep The Father's Love For Us Hosanna How Great Thou Art