

# LITURGY & SONGS – January 31, 2021

## Call to Worship:

### Leader:

And now thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

## All:

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

### Leader:

I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right. And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

#### All:

Come, let us return to the LORD, for he has redeemed us. Let us sing praises to his name, for he alone is worthy! <Based on Isaiah 44:22; 45:19, 21-22; 49:5-7, 13>

## Confession of Sin:

## Leader:

Father, forgive us for not remembering our identity as your children, but seeking to establish our own identity instead. We confess that we are constantly attempting to define ourselves by our own efforts rather than by what Jesus has accomplished for us. Gracious Lord, we rarely speak of your redeeming work in our lives for fear of what others will think of us. We forget that we are strangers and exiles in this world. Our lives are lacking in deeds of mercy because we set our hope on worldly comforts and material possessions rather than your future return. Forgive us, O Lord, and remind us of who we are in you.

<Based on 1 Peter 2:9-12>

## Assurance of Pardon:

## All:

Brothers and Sisters, remember this good news: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy. All who trust in the crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord, are made new. He washed us and renewed us by the Holy Spirit, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Let us celebrate and sing praises to our Redeemer!

<Based on Titus 3:4-7>

## Benediction:

## Leader:

Beloved, let us go from here with the words of Jesus on our hearts and minds: "You are the light of the world. So let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." May this mindset be true of us as it was for the earliest disciples: "For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." For there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. May our lives and our words commend the Lord Jesus to everyone around us, for in him we have salvation and eternal hope. Amen and amen.

<Based on Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 4:12, 20>

## **SONGS**

Marvelous Light How Great Thou Art Who You Say I Am Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery We Glorify Your Name