

WORSHIP SERVICE – SUNDAY 8th AUGUST

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING RESPONSES – Psalm 130

From a sea of troubles

I call out to you, LORD.

***Won't you please listen
as I beg for mercy?***

If you kept record of our sins,

no one could last long.

But you forgive us,

and so we will worship you.

With all my heart,

I am waiting, LORD, for you!

I trust your promises.

I wait for you more eagerly

than a soldier on guard duty
waits for the dawn.

Yes, I wait more eagerly

***than a soldier on guard duty
waits for the dawn.***

Israel, trust the LORD!

He is always merciful,

and he has the power
to save you.

***Israel, the LORD will save you
from all of your sins.***

***Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was
in the beginning is now and will be forevermore. Amen.***

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Although we have died to sin and risen with Jesus, we know that we continue to sin in our lives. Through the promise and assurance given to us in our Baptism, we can now come before God to confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we confess that we don't always live as the new and transformed people you have made us to be. Our thoughts, our words, and our actions don't always reflect the love you show to us. We can be quick to anger, and slow to forgive. We can be guided by our selfishness, instead of a heart of generosity. For Jesus' sake, we ask for your forgiveness. Please renew us and help us to live in you and for you. Amen.

'As surely as we died with Christ, we believe we will also live with him. We know that death no longer has any power over Christ. He died and was raised to life, never again to die. When Christ died, he died for sin once and for all. But now he is alive, and he lives only for God.' (*Romans 6:8-10*) Know that through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Go now in His forgiveness, to live as those who are dead to sin but alive in Him. Amen.

PRAYER

We come to worship you, Lord God, knowing that you are with us whenever we meet in your name. We pray for your Spirit to be with us to guide us in our worship, renew our hearts, and transform our lives. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS – *use from the separate file sent out or watch the video on the YouTube channel:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOR154L2Ag0>

After each reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

Or, use the song, 'I Believe' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI_FbWTkg

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.***

***And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.***

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

***He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father
almighty,***

***from thence he will come to judge the living and
the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

ADDRESS – read this week's address, or you can watch it on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVFGmTKohak>

Or listen to the audio from our website.

Then go through and reflect on or discuss the questions at the end of the address.

SONG – if you wish to, use one of the songs suggested in the email/on the website, or find and use your own choices.

OFFERING PRAYER

***For our money, our time, our possessions, we give you
thanks, Lord God. Use us and all that we have been given
in the work of your kingdom. Amen.***

PRAYERS

You may wish to use the prayers which have been sent out, or to come up with your own.

After each prayer, you may wish to use the response:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

***Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.***

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and give us His peace.

Amen.

***Do as God does. After all, you are His
dear children. Let love be your guide.
Christ loved us and offered His life for
us as a sacrifice that pleases God.***

Ephesians 5:1,2 CEV