

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

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Worship Theme

Real Repentance
Looks Different

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You are a **CHOSEN** people, a **ROYAL** priesthood, a **HOLY** nation,
God's **SPECIAL** possession, that you may declare the praises
of Him who **CALLED** you out of the darkness into
His wonderful **LIGHT**.

1 Peter 2:9

*Opening Hymn: #854 Church of God, Elect
and Glorious (vs. 1-4)*

VI. Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race,
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace;
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds,
tell of love that knows no limits,
grace that meets all human needs.

V2. God has called you out of darkness
into his most marv'lous light,
brought his truth to life with-in you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

V₃. Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love,
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heav'n above.

Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care,
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.

V₄. Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends,
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends.

Royal priests, fulfill your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service,
sing his praise, his love declare.

Invocation

Please stand

P: In the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in
my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole
heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

**C: I deserve your punishment both now
and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and
death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have
mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Announcement Of Forgiveness

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: #624 Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty (vs. 1,3,5)*

VI. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him,

for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!



V₃. Praise to the Lord,
who has fearfully,
wondrously, made you,
health has bestowed and,
when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

V5. Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him!

Prayer Of The Day

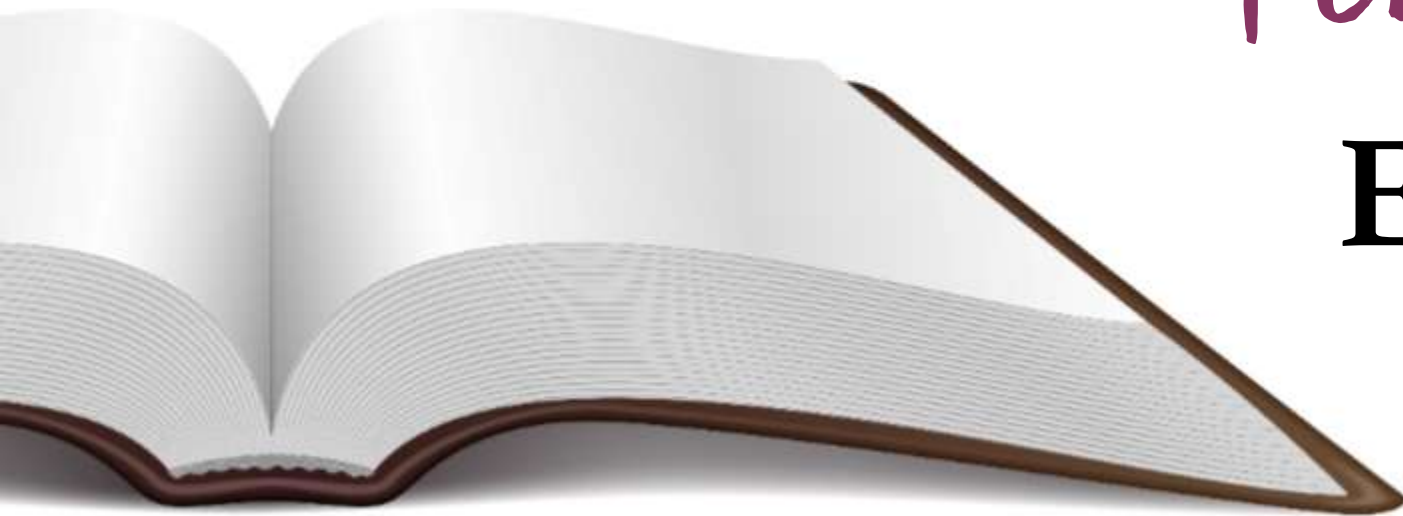
P: Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocations and ministries they may truly serve and honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 19:1-8a



¹On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.”

Response: #34 All the Changing Scenes of Life (vs. 1-3)

VI. Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God
shall still my heart and tongue employ.
Of his deliv'rance I will boast,
till all that are distressed,
from my example comfort take
and lay their griefs to rest.



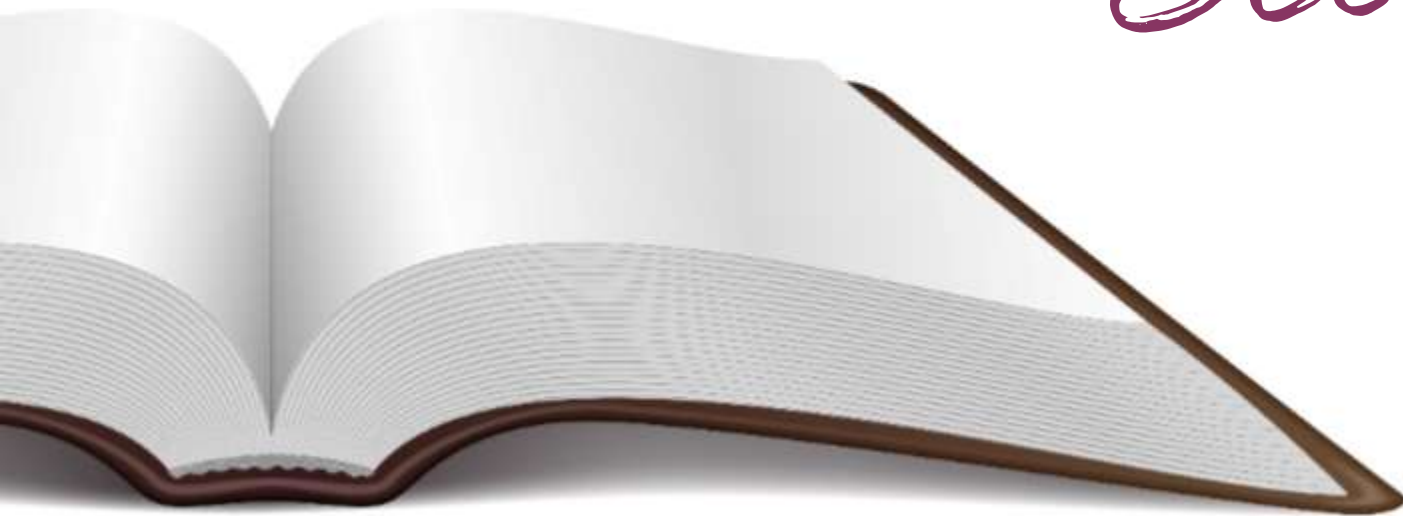
V2. O magnify the Lord with me,
exalt his holy name;
when in distress to him
I called, he to my rescue came.
The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliv'rance he affords to all
who in his promise trust.

V3. O taste and see that he is good;
experience will decide
how blest are they and
only they who in the Lord confide.
Fear him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make serving him your sole delight,
your wants shall be his care.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9-12



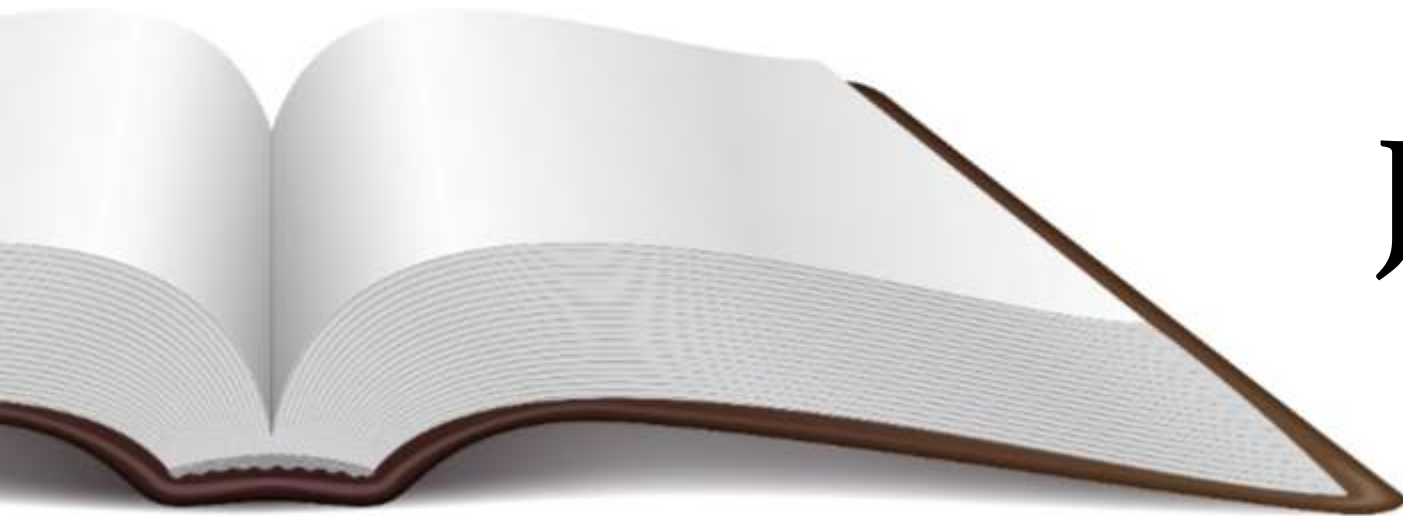
⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

THE WORD

Gospel

John 17:11b-19



“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

“¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”

An artistic illustration of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue robe and a grey cloak, kneeling in prayer with his hands clasped. He is looking down at a group of five young children who are also kneeling and praying with their hands clasped. The scene is set indoors, with a window in the background showing a landscape with mountains and a lake. To the left, there is a wooden table with a white cup and some bread. On the wall to the left, there is a small framed picture of a religious figure. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and spiritual.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: #580 All I Have Is Christ (vs. 1-3)

VI. I once was lost in darkest night,
yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own
a rebel to your will,
and if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still.



V2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
indiff'rent to the cost,
you looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed—
you suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
now all I know is grace.

Refrain (2):

Hallelujah!

All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah!

Jesus is my life.

V3. Now, Lord, I would be yours alone
and live so all might see
the strength to follow your commands
could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life
in any way you choose,
and let my song forever be—
my only boast is you.

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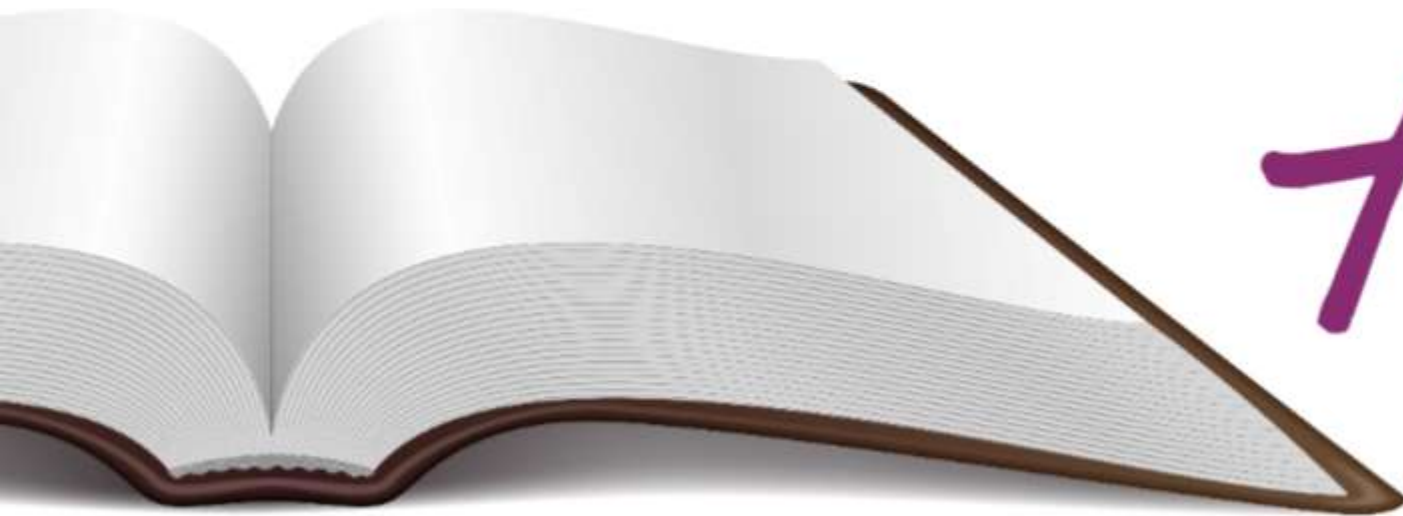
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Set Apart
1 PETER 2:9

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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, died and was buried....

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

Please be seated

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Responsive Prayer of the Church

P: Dear Lord, as we pray for young adults, we humbly ask that you would be their God, their guide, and their faithful friend. Help them find direction and fulfillment in their vocations and contentment in the blessings you have given. Assure them of your gracious rule in their lives as they establish careers and families.

**C: Let us, as the body of believers,
support them in their various
endeavors and encourage them to
use their unique gifts to serve your
church.**

P: For all in our congregations who work hard each day to gain their daily bread and then work hard again to support and participate in the gospel ministry,

C: that they may be spared fatigue and frustration as they use their leisure time for the sake of your Son;

P: For those who bring food from the earth, who tend flocks and herds, who cultivate the ground, who find food in the sea, and who bake our daily bread,

C: that they may know you, as we do, to be the giver of every good and perfect gift;

P: For those who help us in times of trouble, for lawyers, doctors, emergency workers, counselors, funeral directors, and all whose life interests focus on difficult times,

C: that they may see themselves as those who extend your divine hand to the hurting;

P: For all who support us day by day,
often without our notice, janitors and
maids, cooks and servers, secretaries
and technicians, and so many more,

C: that they may enjoy the grateful
thanks we children of God owe
them;

P: For people who live in great poverty or endure war and political unrest or experience oppression and tyranny,

C: that their quest for security might lead them to search where you may be found.

P: Lead us to see in the lives of all people the working of your eternal plan. Preserve us from an arrogance that elevates our service and sacrifice above that of others.

C: Lead us to appreciate the gifts you give to all people and to give you thanks with our acceptance and humility.

P: Eternal Father, give us a sense of purpose as we live our lives in the roles you have designed for each of us. Help us to see your divine plan in our calling and make us content as we carry out our tasks.

C: Give us joy to know that we live for you and for others as the servants of Christ Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and
give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn: #736 Lord, You Call Us as Your People (vs. 1-3,5)

VI. Lord, you call us as your people,
out of darkness into light.

You created and redeemed us,
made us precious in your sight.

Give us faith to trust you boldly
and to love you steadfastly.

By your Spirit may we ever
faithful to our callings be.



V2. Lord, you call us as disciples,
walking on your pilgrim way.
Crucified and risen Savior,
you are with us ev'ry day.
Give us wisdom, give us courage
as you teach us patiently.
By your Spirit may we ever
faithful to our callings be.

V3. Lord, you send us to that harvest
in your Great Commission's call,
reaching out to all the nations,
bringing life and hope to all.
Give us boldness and compassion,
bless us with your eyes to see.
By your Spirit may we ever
faithful to our callings be.

V5. Lord, you call us as your people,
now in faith we sing your praise:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
alleluias to you raise.
Hold us in your gracious power,
blessed Holy Trinity,
that rejoicing we will ever
faithful to our callings be.

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