

GATHERING

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GREETING HYMN *Away in a Manger*

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF JOY *Joy to the World* – 1 verse

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

PSALM: Psalm 96

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

THE PRAYERS – HEAR US, O GOD; YOUR MERCY IS GREAT

COMMUNION

PRAYER

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God