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Call to Worship Heart of Worship based on Psalm 51

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sins, **whose mercy endures forever. Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. **Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.**

Trusting in God's goodness, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, our lives are to be marked with the signs of discipleship. You call us to encourage and invite yet we judge and exclude. You call us to study, pray and worship yet we busy our minds and lives with noise that distract us from hearing your still, small voice. You call us to give and serve yet we take and demand without counting the cost. Forgive us O Lord for our ways and teach us yours. Mark us once again with your grace and lead us on the road to new life in you for the sake of Jesus, our savior and Lord. Amen.

God meets us on the road of life and walks us into wholeness. Take heart, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us now worship with hearts pointed to the Truth North, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water WOV 693

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our

king; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of the Journey, always you are leading us into fuller faithfulness and deeper devotion. Guide us step by step as we walk on the road of discipleship. We follow Jesus trusting the Spirit to guide us in the ways you desire for us to live and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song Come and See: We Worship at Your Feet by Graham Kendrick

https://youtu.be/uVy3V5_tpkA?si=hc8rQa0Wwzaj4pWg

Welcome the Word Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

Lord, I will come and follow you when you but call my name.

Let me turn and walk with you and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Scripture Reading

John 4:19-26

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is

coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Baptism

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offering Prayer

God of Abundance, on this road of life you continually provide for us our daily bread. In thanksgiving for your faithfulness we return to you this portion. Use it to bless your people and your world. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray...

Words of Consecration

Jesus, our Helper, lived life with his hands open to those in need of healing and prayer. Jesus, our Companion, lived life with his ears and eyes open to the longings of the lost and lonely. Jesus, our Advocate, lived life with his voice poised to speak words of peace and promise. Jesus, our Savior, lived life with a heart overflowing love into humanity. So, on the night Jesus was handed over he gathered with his followers for a meal. He took bread...

Jesus was and still is God's best handiwork. Jesus is present in this bread and cup as we reach out our hands to claim it as sacred. May the same Spirit which animated Jesus' life enter in our lives through this holy meal as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of Grace, in the sharing of this sacred meal our hearts have been strangely warmed by Christ's presence. In this time of worship the scriptures have been opened to us. Send us now, fed and nourished, on the road of discipleship readied to be your people in your world in Jesus' name.

Announcements

Blessing

On the road of your faith life may you be encouraged in your discipleship by Jesus who meets you at the crossroads and guides your every step. Be blessed on your journey in the name of the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise WOV 801

Thine the amen, thine the praise alleluia angels raise, thine the everlasting head, thine the breaking of the bread, thine the glory, thine the story, thine the harvest then the cup, thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, thine the promise let there be, thine the vision, thine the tree all the earth on bended knee, gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry, gone the sighing, gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly, thine the yes, thine the table we the guest, thine the mercy all from thee, thine the glory yet to be, then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war, thine the living, thine the loving evermore, evermore.

Thine the kingdom, thine the prize, thine the wonderful surprise, thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways, thine the glory, thine the story then the welcome to the least then the wonder all increasing at thy feast, at thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light, thine the river, thine the tree then the Lamb eternally, then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee, thine the splendor, thine the brightness only thee, only thee.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!