



*Sunday,
May 9, 2021*

Call to Worship



One: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

All: **And so we come to follow Christ.**

One: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

All: **And so we come to dwell in the light.**

One: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

All: **And so we come,
leaving behind all else to which we cling.**

Kenyan traditional

Leader: All:

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy. — joy.

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Prayer of Confession

All: O God, whose Spirit keeps working in us
and calling us to a loving community,
we confess how often we have refused to acknowledge
the wind of your Spirit blowing in our lives,
because we were not expecting it.

We confess that we have been far more responsive to other winds:
the winds of success and popularity,
the winds of anxiety and despair,
the winds of controversy and violence.

Prayer of Confession (continued)



All: We have often forgotten why we are
and whose we are.

It has seemed easier to extinguish a spark
than to give ourselves over to your transforming fire.

Forgive us all that is past,
and help us find the courage to open ourselves
to the wind of your Spirit blowing in all of life.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness



One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. *(Rev 22:21 NRSV)*

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!

The wind of God's Spirit keeps blowing in our lives
not because we deserve it,
but because God never gives up on us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith

from Belonging to God: A First Catechism



One: Who are you?

All: I am a child of God.

One: What does it mean to be a child of God?

All: That I belong to God, who loves me.

One: What makes you a child of God?

All: Grace – God’s free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Affirmation of Faith (continued)

from Belonging to God: A First Catechism



One: Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

All: No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

One: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

All: I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

One: How do you love God?

**All: By worshipping God, by loving others,
and by respecting what God has created.**

Affirmation of Faith (continued)

from Belonging to God: A First Catechism



One: What did God create?

All: God created all that is, seen and unseen.

One: What is special about human beings?

All: God made us, all people, in the image of God.

One: What does it mean that we are made in God's image?

All: It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love.



One: What is the church?

All: **We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus,
who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper.**

**Through these means of grace,
the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.**



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(continued)*

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*One: Blessed are you, God Most High!
We give thanks for your holy covenant,
your promise to Abraham,
your mercy to the house of David,
your word spoken through the prophets,
and your beloved Son, the dawn of our salvation.*

All: We praise and magnify you, O God!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

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*One: Blessed are you, Jesus Christ,
forgiving Savior, merciful Lord.
We trust in your tender compassion.
You are the good Samaritan, we the wounded traveler.
You are the sweeping woman, we the lost coin.
You ate with Mary, Martha, and Zacchaeus,
and you filled Emmaus with your resurrection.*

All: We praise and magnify you, O God!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

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*One: On the night in which
our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed,
he took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(continued)*

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*One: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For this meal and for your presence within it:*

All: We praise and magnify you, O God!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

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One: *Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, Power of the Most High.
As you came to Mary, come to us and to this meal.
Welcome us home, that together we may feast on your love.
Feed us with the body of Christ,
that we may be holy and righteous before you.
Heal us, that with Dorcas we may rise to serve those in need.
Send us into all the world, preaching the power of your peace.*

All: ***We praise and magnify you, O God!***

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

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*One: Blessed are you, Mighty One, Father, Son, and Spirit,
Shepherd of forgiveness, Author of life,
Light in our darkness.
We join with the multitude of angels
to praise and magnify your name,
singing, Glory to God in the highest heaven,
today, tomorrow, and forever.*

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, KJ21)



All: Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.