

A Brief Service of Communion

January 3, 2021

Invocation

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Father, we are your children, yet we have not lived as such. Like the Prodigal Son, we have pursued our own desires, giving no thought to how our actions cause you pain.

Jesus, you died for us, yet we live as if that was no big deal. Your grace is given freely and because it is free to us as act as if it were cheap.

Holy Spirit, you call to us and lavish us with gifts, yet we ignore your calling and we hide your gifts away. We tell ourselves mission is someone else's calling, and start to believe we have nothing to offer.

God, we are sorry for our sins. We are sorry for our lack of faith. Forgive us, strengthen us, and renew us. Remind us of your love, and call us again to come alongside you in your work here on earth. Plant firmly in us the hope of a life which continues with you even when the earth is made new.

As this is your confession, speak together "Amen."

Congregation: Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,

begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
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Prayer

Benediction