



PRAY  
for wisdom

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**GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING**

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**PRELUDE . . .** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

**WELCOME**

**SINGING BOWL**

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**INVOCATION**

*P: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Blow through our lives*

**All: with the breath of life.**

*P: Blow through our church*

**All: with the power of new dreams and visions.**

*P: Blow through our world*

**All: with the promise of hope, peace, and love.**

*P: Work in us now,*

**All: that we may be your new creation. Amen.**



## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Listen for the wind of the Spirit.

**All: For in listening, we will hear the Spirit who speaks the words of life.**

L: Hope in the promises of Christ.

**All: We wait, we hope, we worship – for just as Christ came in days long gone, Christ comes to us now in the power of the Spirit!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross.

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,*

**All: let us confess our sin.**

Silence for Reflection

*P: God, our provider,*

**All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

*P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.*

**All: By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.**

*P: Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.*

**All: Amen.**

## LITANY

L: You call us to a generous way of being, O God.

**All: When our praise and prayer come from the heart, you cheer us on.**

L: You call us to a generous form of friendship, O God.

**All: When we listen carefully and encourage with sensitivity, your presence is felt.**

L: You call us to a generous spirit as we work, O God.

**All: When we help out carefully, and share our rewards sacrificially, your Word is heeded.**

L: You call us to look at the generosity of Jesus, O God.

**All: And as we look up at the cross, we know how far generosity can go. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.

**All: Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: God, teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your wisdom;

**All: show us how to laugh**

Reader: so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Reader: Our reading today is Psalm One Hundred and Eleven.

**READING . . . Psalm 111 – translation: Priests for Equality -  
“The Inclusive Bible”**

Alleluia! I will thank you, YAHWEH, with all my heart in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Great are your works, to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious are your works, and your justice stands firm forever.

You make us remember your wonders—you are compassion and love.

You give food to those who revere you, keeping your Covenant ever in mind.

You reveal to your people the power of your actions by giving them the lands of the nations as their inheritance.

The works of your hands are truth and justice, and all your precepts are sure,

standing firm forever and ever and carried out uprightly and faithfully.

You have sent deliverance to your people and established your Covenant forever. Your Name is holy and awe-inspiring!

Reverence for YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom—and those who have it prove themselves wise. Your praise will last forever!

Reader: Here ends the reading.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Reader: Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.

**All: Bless us with your gifts, O God.**

Reader: Our God feeds us with the bread of life and the wellspring of our salvation.

**All: Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.**

Reader: Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.

**All: Bless us with your gifts, Mighty Spirit.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

## HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice.

**All: When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God's overflowing grace as we collect today's offering.**

### OFFERING



### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of wisdom and understanding, send these gifts into the world,

**All: that they may become instruments of your grace;**

L: send this offering to your people,

**All: that it may become a source of your mercy.**

L: May these gifts be bread and blessing

**All: for a world in need of your mighty Spirit. Amen.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation with which we are most comfortable:

**All: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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### BENEDICTION

*P: Go forth from this place and imitate the Holy One in all you do.*

**All: We will live with love, speak with kindness, touch with gentleness, walk with humbleness, and build up the kingdom of God.**

*P: Go forth into the world and live in love, as Christ has lived in and through you.*

**All: We go in love.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE . . . “On Our Way Rejoicing”**

### SINGING BOWL

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