



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND NURTURE SUNDAY

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

“If you want to understand the people’s faith in Christ, you have to sing the people’s songs, recite their poems, listen to their stories, testimonies, watch their plays and artworks. Most of all, however, you should identify with them and be involved in their struggles. Then, and only then, are you able to capture the true essence of their faith in the Christ who is struggling with them.”

- Luna L. Dingayan

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105: 1-5, ICB, paraphrased

Liturgist: ¹ Give thanks to the Lord; pray to God. Tell the nations what God has done.

People: ² **Sing to God. Sing praises to God. Tell about all the wonderful things God has done.**

Liturgist: ³ Be glad that you are God’s. Let those who ask the Lord for help be happy.

People: ⁴ **Depend on the Lord and on God’s strength. Always go to God for help.**

All: ⁵ **Remember the wonderful things God has done. Remember God’s miracles and decisions.**

*INVOCATION (Unison)

We praise You, O God our Creator, for Your manifold works. We thank You, our Sustainer, for Your abiding presence in our lives as a church, as a community, and as a people. We are blessed through Your saving grace, our Redeemer. Empower us to continue to lead lives worthy of Your calling as Your children as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who ministered to the marginalized and downtrodden. May we, as individuals and as a church, choose the side You are on—that is with Your struggling people who You dearly love. This we all pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Companion. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Ang Dios Dalaygon/O Praise Our Great God

HFJ 4

[Words and music: Elena G. Maquiso]

Ang Dios dalaygon sa iya nga katawhan,
Magbubuhat sa tanan nga kabtangan,
Simbahon ta sa malipayong awit,
Dayegon ta sya, pagbati nga hingpit.

O praise our great God, raise up your voice, o people,
God created all things on earth and heaven,
Let us worship through joyful songs and anthem,
Praise to our God with all our hearts and mind.

We praise and thank You for all the works of beauty,

All creation proclaims and sings God's glory,
Let our voices now shout in adulation,
Praise the Lord God with hearts so full and pure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Celebration: A Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 15, paraphrased

Liturgist: Let us each look at ourselves in our separation from God, from our neighbors, and even from ourselves. Let us examine ourselves in silence.

SILENT MOMENT OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Celebration: A Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 16, paraphrased

Liturgist: Let us now as a community of faith confess our sins to God.

All: O God, our Parent, we remember all our failures. Forgive us for any promises we broke, or any resolutions we failed to keep. Forgive us for any friends we failed or any person we have hurt. Forgive us for any carelessness in our work, or any neglect of duty. Forgive us for any mean, ungenerous or dishonorable deed we have done; for any false, impure or angry word we have uttered. Forgive us when we only think of ourselves, not caring for the needs of others. Forgive us when we do not see the plight of our neighbor in need, and turn a blind eye away from them. Forgive us when we do not hear the cries of pain and sorrow of our disenfranchised sisters and brothers. Forgive us when we do not advocate for them whose only hope is You. Grant us grace to show how sorry we are for our failures, and from now on to walk more closely with You. In Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Minister: We know through Jesus Christ that when we are open to receive forgiveness, our God has long since waited to bestow it. Take this forgiveness seriously, live as free children of God, and let renewed obedience be the mark of Your thanksgiving! [Celebration: A Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 17, paraphrased]

People: We are renewed in the image of God, that we may be one in love and service for God's people for the transformation of society and the world.

All: As a forgiven people, we are nurtured, renewed and transformed in Jesus Christ to bring God's love unto all the world. Let us therefore go in joy and thanksgiving!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

In Great Thanksgiving

HFJ 29

[Words: Melchizedek M. Solis; Music: Mutya Lopez Solis]

In great thanksgiving, O Love Divine, who from our sorrow redeemed us all,
Cleansed of regretting, relieved of fear, we come rejoicing for new life here.

In celebration of power bestowed, we who were sinners are followers bold,
Forgiving enemies, we sing Your praise, with jubilation love's banner raise.

In dedication, we give our lives, to heed Your bidding to seek the lost,
To all the hungry bring food for feasts, to fear-bound people strength for life's tests.

In exaltation of Christ, our Lord, who for the faithful true life ensured,
We laud him Savior, we teach his way of peace with justice, hope for today.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: As a nurtured, renewed and transformed people, let us greet and fellowship with each other in God's peace while singing "Oh I Love You with the Love of the Lord".

Oh I love you with the love of the Lord
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord
I can see in you the glory of our God
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord!

*SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12: 9-21

Philippians 2: 5-8

MESSAGE THROUGH SONG OR CREATIVE MOVEMENT

MESSAGE THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

RECITING OF THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE

In One God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, who provides order, purpose, meaning and fulfillment to all creation.

That in Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary, God became human and is Sovereign Lord of life and history.

That in the Holy Spirit, God is present in the world, empowering and guiding believers to understand and live out their faith in Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE

That persons are created in the image of God and destined to live in community with God, with other persons and with all creation.

That, by disobedience, they have become sinful, but, by grace through faith, they are redeemed in Jesus Christ.

That being entrusted with God's creation, they are called to participate in the establishment of a just and compassionate social order.

WE BELIEVE

That the Church is the one body of Christ, the whole community of persons reconciled to God through Jesus Christ and entrusted with God's ministry.

WE BELIEVE

That the Holy Bible is a faithful and inspired witness to God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ and in history to illumine, guide, correct and edify believers in their faith and witness.

WE BELIEVE

That God is at work to make each person a new being in Christ, and the whole world God's Kingdom in which love, justice and peace prevail.

That the Kingdom of God is present where faith in Jesus Christ is shared, where healing is given to the sick, where food is given to the hungry, where light is given to the blind, and where liberty is given to the captive and oppressed.

WE BELIEVE

That the resurrection of Jesus Christ has overcome the power of death and gives assurance of life after death,

And we look forward to His coming again in all fullness and glory to make all creation new and to gather all the faithful under God's Kingdom. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER (Minister)

RESPONSE

We Who Bear the Human Name

HFJ 194

[Words: Masao Takenaka and Fred Kaan; Music: Nj. Sutisno]

We who bear the human name are like flowers of the field;
Without status, without fame, trampled down and made to yield,
Unprotected and exposed to the scorching wind that blows,
Let all the world now blossom as a field.

Even Solomon of old, said our Lord, the man of peace;
With his glory and his gold could not match the flower's grace.
We are weak but we recall how the mighty ones must fall.
Let all the world now blossom as a field.

We are people of the field crowding Asia's city streets;
We are people called to build a community of peace.
We remember as we toil hope is springing from the soil.

Let all the world now blossom as a field.

CALL TO OFFERING

Celebration: A Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 29-30, paraphrased

Liturgist: Beloved in Christ, the Gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the same day on which our Lord rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples in the place where they were gathered, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: Let us come then to the joyful feast of the Lord as we prepare Christ's Table with the offerings of our life and labor.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God the Source of Life and Birth

Praise God the Source of Life and Birth, praise God the Word who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame, all honor glory to God's name. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Liturgist)

Dear God, Provider and Sustainer, thank You for all that You give us. May our Savior Jesus Christ be with us as He was among His disciples. May He make Himself known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. To You be praise and glory as You use our lives for the furtherance of Your Reign of peace, justice and love in the here and now. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

Celebration: A Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 31-32, paraphrased

Minister: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: We give You thanks always and everywhere, God of love and grace, for You made the world and all things living and beautiful.

We bless You for Your continued love and care for every creature. We praise You for creating us in Your image, and calling us to be Your people. Though we rebelled against Your love, You did not abandon us, but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.

Above all, we give You thanks for the gift of Jesus, Your Son, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In the fullness of time, He took upon himself our nature; and by the obedience of His life, His suffering upon the cross and His resurrection from the dead, He has delivered us from the way of sin and death.

We praise You that He now reigns with You in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank You for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and unites us out of every people in one Holy Church.

Therefore, with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify You, God most Holy, and we sing with joy.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O God most high.

Minister: Most glorious and gracious God, we give You thanks that our Savior Jesus Christ, before He suffered, gave us this memorial of His sacrifice, until His coming again. For in the night when He was betrayed, He took bread. And when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also after supper, He took the cup. And when He had given You thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

All: His death, O God, we proclaim. His resurrection we declare. His coming we await. Glory be to You, O God!

Minister: God our Parent, show forth among us the presence of Your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify these gifts and Your whole Church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share

in the Communion of the Body and the Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ be one in Him, and remain faithful in love and hope until that perfect feast with Him in joy in His eternal Kin-dom.

All: **Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to You ourselves, giving You thanks for calling us to Your service as Your own people, through the perfect offering of Your Son Jesus our Savior; by Whom and with Whom and in Whom, in the purity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to You, everlasting God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Celebration: A Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 33, paraphrased

[Moment of silence]

Minister: *[Breaking the bread]* The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

People: **Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread.**

Minister: *[Raising the cup]* The wine which we drink, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

People: **The cup which we bless is the communion in the blood of Christ.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Minister: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: **Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia!**

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Minister: *[Holding up the Communion elements]* The gifts of God for the people of God!

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

People: **Amen!** *[Partakes of the bread]*

Minister: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

People: **Amen!** *[Drinks the wine]*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Celebration: A Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 34, paraphrased

Everlasting God, we give You thanks for receiving our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Strengthen us ever with Your Holy Spirit, that we may serve You in faith and love, by word and deed, until we come to the joy of Your Eternal Kin-dom, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

O Such Awe and Wonder (Kay Laking Hiwaga)

HFJ 257

[Words and arrangement: Francisco F. Feliciano; English translation: Reuel Norman O. Marigza; Music: Bicol folksong]

O such awe and wonder that our minds can't fathom;
O how deep Your caring and concern which does not end,
When You took our sins upon Your loving shoulder,
You showed unending love, our Savior and our Friend.

We Your lowly servants cannot count as worthy
To come to Your presence and partake the holy feast,
We no longer cherish many things in this world
Your presence is enough to make our lives complete.

When I see the wine poured and the bread that's broken;
There's no earthen vessel to contain my joyful song,
For I see Your great love in the path You've taken;
Enough for joy to swell and flow out all lifelong.

May You fill our hearts now with love as we scatter
From this house of worship to the realm of service
That our lives be altars, channels of Your power,
Of kindness and of grace, of love that does not cease.

BENEDICTION

Minister: Go out into the world in peace. Continue to do our mandate of serving others. Continue to grow towards maturity in faith, and help others to do the same, so that we may all move towards transformation and liberation of self, church, community and society.

People: Let us do what is good and what God requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Minister: The blessing of our eternal God: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you all.

All: Amen!