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PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE:

Lord God, there are times when we get ourselves into trouble, even with the best intentions. Give us the courage of faith to recognize when we are acting against You instead of acting according to Your Will. Be patient with us, forgive us and turn us around to seek out Your Will and to do it. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG:

INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy.

C: The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him and I am helped. (Psalm 28:6-7)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALMODY: (Based on Psalm 130)

P: We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly, we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)

C: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You, there is forgiveness. Therefore You are feared.

C: I wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His Word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

P: O Israel, put Your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We

justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of peace will sanctify you wholly and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

(CHILDREN'S TALK AND PRAYER)

THE LESSONS:

Genesis 3:8-15 *(If there was ever anyone who really got into trouble, it was Adam and Eve. God's grace alone makes it possible to take responsibility for those things that we do to get ourselves into trouble.)*

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."

R: This is the Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God!**

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 *(The eternal promise of God's love moves us to endure even troubling times with a sense of hope.)*

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to Himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

SONG

Mark 3:20-35 *(Jesus was in trouble, not just with the authorities, but with His own family, too! Jesus made it clear that were the ones in trouble because they were acting against the Holy Spirit.)*

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that He and His disciples were not even able to eat. When His family heard about this, they went to take charge of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons He is driving out demons." So Jesus called them over to Him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can rob his house. I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemes of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit." Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call Him. A crowd was sitting around Him, and they told Him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for You."

“Who are My mother and My brothers?” He asked. Then He looked at those seated in a circle around Him and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! Whoever does God’s will is My brother and sister and mother.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

SONG

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

(THE COMMUNION)

THE BENEDICTION

SONG