

Order of Worship for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13th, 2020

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Opening Sentence:

People of God, bless the Lord, bless God's holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love for us.

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions.

We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions.

Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling.

Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our understanding that we may receive the Word of life. Amen.

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[Genesis 50:15-21](#) and [Psalm 103:\(1-7\), 8-13](#) • [Romans 14:1-12](#) • [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Sermon exercise for reflection: What has God forgiven you? How have you responded to God's forgiveness? Who have you not forgiven? What sins have you not forgiven? Ask for God's help in forgiving these people and their sins.

Prayers of the People: use Jane's prayer chain letter, or pray for your needs, the needs of our community and the world. Say thank you to God for the blessings received this week and give praise for what God has done for us.

Conclude your time of prayer with Lord's Prayer (Spanish) Padre Nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga a nosotros tu reino, Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como

nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

Offering: Make offerings of forgiveness throughout the week, consciously forgiving those who have sinned or sin against you.

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Prayer of Dedication:

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Benediction: Go in peace, practice forgiveness, live the gospel, in the name of Jesus, our Lord. The blessing of God be with you, the love of Jesus fill you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forevermore.

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
like the sun that fills the morning sky,
you are the light that banishes the darkness of the world.
Sun of Righteousness, arise in my heart,
fill me with the radiance of your love,
and display the light of your saving grace
until I shine with the joy of life everlasting. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God, forgive the sins I have this day committed and banish from my heart any self-righteousness that would withhold forgiveness of others. For you alone are the judge of human hearts, and your mercy is boundless. Amen.