

## **Prelude**

While we were yet sinners, Christ suffered all sinfulness, was killed, and rose to Life. Mercy is God's Prelude to Grace.

## **Entrance of Light**

Sin separates us from God's mercy, grace, and love. Sin is like darkness. God's Love is Light that shines in the Darkness of Sin.

Saints are sinners who trust God with their darkest desires, evil actions, and hostile thoughts.

## **Special Music: I Know My Redeemer Liveth by George Frederick Handel 1685-1759**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a fore taste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood.

## **Welcome**

Easter People, why do we rejoice?

**We rejoice because the Light of Salvation has eclipsed the darkness of sin and death.**

Easter People, to whom do we Listen?

**We listen for the Holy Spirit calling us to confession. We confess our temptation to live in the bondage of the World's power, control, and greed. We confess our temptation to obey Laws and Rituals that hold us in shame, guilt, blame, and fear.**

Easter People, who do we Obey?

**We obey Christ Jesus. His mercy commands us to deny the power of sin. His Grace frees us to abide in God's Presence. His Love heals our hearts, restores our souls, and gives us the same mind that was in Christ even as he suffered all the sin.**

## **Morning Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **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, dead, and buried.  
On the third day he rose from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

### **Reading of Scripture: Philippians 2**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

### **Instrumental Meditation**

**Message: Work Out Your Salvation**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Special Music: Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**Postlude**

Saints are sinners who deny unworthy self, work out their salvation in fear and trembling, eat with sinners, share the Good News that God's mercy delivers us from sin. Having the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, Saints abide in God's Grace. Grace is the place our hearts, souls, and minds are healed in God's unconditional love.

***Am I unworthy of God's Love? (Food for thought)***

Dualism focuses on either this or that. It judges right from wrong. On the Cross, Jesus holds opposites together as one.

On the Cross, Jesus confesses feeling forsaken by God. How many times have we heard some say, "I am unworthy of God's love"?

Notice how the confession of unworthiness is bound to God's Love. God's Love remains. Faith trusts God's Love with our unworthiness.

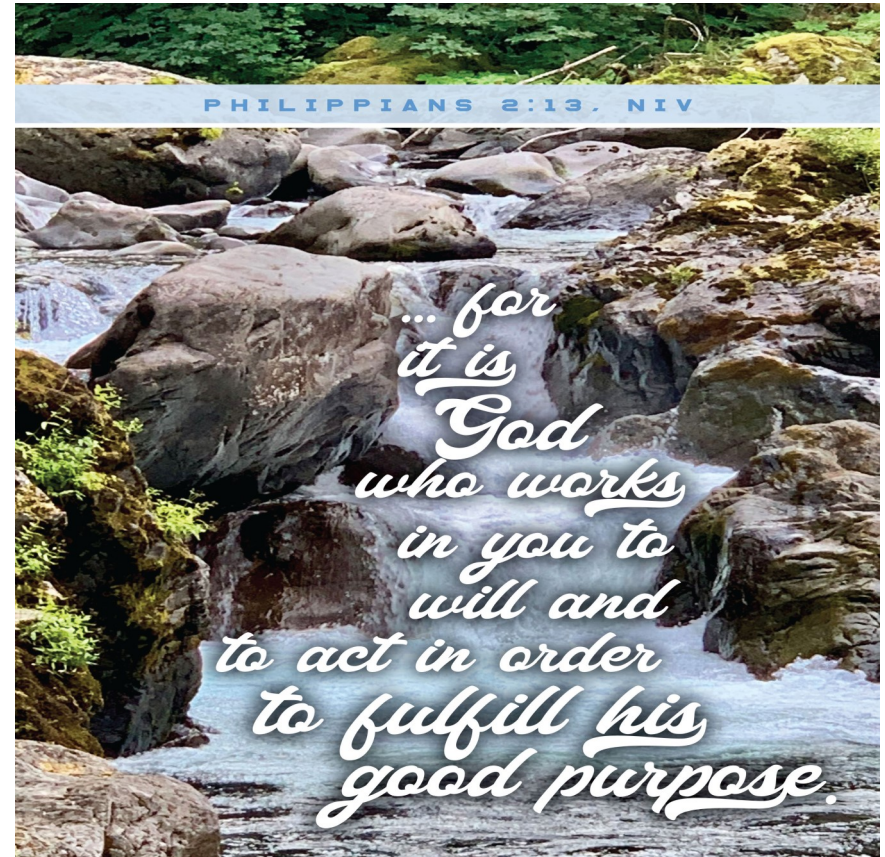
The next time you feel or think you are unworthy of God's Love listen to Jesus' prayer for you. "Father, forgive \_\_\_\_\_ he/she doesn't know what they are doing." Faith trusts that God knows what God is doing. Faith means we place our unworthy spirit into God's hands.

Father, the next time I hear some say, "I am unworthy of God's Love remind me to say, God hears your confession. What would it take for you to commit your unworthy spirit into the hands of Holy God?"

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