



# *Hymnal Insert*

June 7, 2026

# A GENERAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

(The following may replace the intercessions of the general and seasonal liturgies.)

God's amazing grace is offered to us today, tomorrow, and forever. Thanks be to God!

**God's grace renews our lives like a flowing stream. Thanks be to God for the wellspring of the joy of living.**

In the assurance of God's unconditional love poured out for us in Jesus Christ, we pray first for ourselves and for our needs:

For forgiveness for wrongs we have done and good deeds we have not done,  
For courage to change what needs changing within our lives,  
For wisdom to seek God's guidance,  
For healing of our body, mind, spirit, and relationships,  
For a thankful awareness of all the blessings of our lives,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for the worshipers' needs.)

## SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of grace.

**Meet us in our need and in our honesty.**

In the abundance of your mercy, we pray for others:

For members of our families,  
For our friends and neighbors,  
For those with whom we work, and learn, and play,  
For the sick, the frightened, the lonely,  
For those who grieve,  
For those who are desperate and angry,  
For those in prison,  
For the hungry, the homeless, the poor,  
For those we perceive as our enemies,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for the needs of others.)

## SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of compassion.

**Send your Spirit upon all for whom we pray.**

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

In the awareness that we are one with all your human creation, we pray about the issues that confront us all:

For our planet and the environment in which we live,  
For the end of war, ethnic conflict, and all violence,  
For liberation from racism, bigotry, and injustice,  
For freedom from addictions of all kinds,  
For the end of abuse of children, women, and men,  
For each member of the human family, that all may know the dignity and  
worth of being a child of God,  
For solutions to our common human dilemmas, and for our dedication to be  
part of those solutions,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for current issues.)

## SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of justice, God of love.

**May your love and justice be manifest in our lives.**

**We pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.”**

In this act of worship, we come in faith — faith that our problems will not defeat us, faith that our hearts and spirits can be renewed, faith that we are not alone; for you are with us.

**Thanks be to you, God our Savior, for meeting us here in this time and place.  
Thanks be to you for forgiving us, for freeing us, and for strengthening us to  
be your disciples in this life.**

We are filled with the grace, mercy, and peace of God.

**We are filled with the love of Jesus Christ. We give thanks that we are blessed,  
and we commit ourselves to be a blessing to others. Amen.**

# CONFIRMATION AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(If the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in the same worship service, those affirming baptism join in the opening paragraphs of that service, and continue with the appropriate Affirmation forms beginning on page 171.)

(Standing)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

**We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

**Claimed by God in baptism, we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives may faithfully affirm the blessings of Christ's new covenant.**

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

As you present *yourselves* before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

**I do.**

(Candidates may profess their faith by means of the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

\*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life?

**I do.**

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

Do you affirm *these children* of God as *members* of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture *them* in Christ?

**We do.**

## **The Rite of Confirmation**

(The minister addresses the candidates for confirmation.)

In the presence of God and this congregation, do you confirm the covenant into which you were baptized, relying on the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you into ever increasing maturity in your relationship with Christ and the church?

**I do.**

(Sitting)

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have received *these person(s)* into your covenant through baptism. You have provided for *their* growth, enlightened *their* mind(s) with your truth, and enabled *them* to offer *themselves* to you. We ask that you accept the vows *they have* made today. Defend and strengthen *them* with your Holy Spirit, empower *them* for your service, and sustain *them* all the days of *their* lives.

**Amen.**

(539 B)

In the name of Je - sus. A - men.

(Confirmands standing)

By affirming your baptismal covenant in public worship today, you have taken another step in your journey with God. You have entered into a new relationship with God and this congregation. We charge you in God's name always to remain faithful to Christ and the church, and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## Reaffirmation of Faith

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

\_\_\_\_\_, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be with you. Build *yourselves* up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep *yourselves* by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

## Transfer of Membership

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

\_\_\_\_\_, through baptism, profession of faith, and Christian service, you have already entered into the life of the Church Universal, and today we rejoice to welcome and receive you into the fellowship of this congregation. Continue faithfully in the good way you have chosen in Christ, and may the Holy Spirit bless you in your life among us. May we all, through grace, be enabled to support and encourage one another in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Standing. During the singing of the following hymn, the minister and others, according to local practice, give the right hand of fellowship to all who have been baptized or who have publicly affirmed their baptism on this day.)

HUS (22 F)

Here in the name of Christ our Lord, the  
We wel - come you a - mong us here, with  
The God of peace you sanc - ti - fy and

church's Head by all a - dored, with Chris - tian love and  
joy that God has brought you near. With heart and hand we  
bless you rich - ly from on high, that spir - it, soul, and

pur - pose true, this church in faith em - brac - es you.  
pledge our love, and pray Christ's bless - ing from a - bove.  
bod - y may re - flect God's pres - ence ev - 'ry day.

## The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by; he  
 right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with -  
 and thy rod, and staff me com - fort still; for  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows; my

lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 in the paths of right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 thou art with me, and thy rod, and staff me com - fort still.  
 head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.

## TRUST AND GUIDANCE

- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

# Our Tithes and Off'rings, Lord, We Bring 815

Our tithes and off'rings, Lord, we bring;  
with grateful hearts to you we sing.  
You are the source of ev'ry gift,  
to you our song of thanks we lift.

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METER: L.M.

## Blessed Assurance

714

1 Bless-ed as - sur-ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of  
 2 Per-fect sub - mis-sion, per-fect de - light, vi-sions of rap - ture now  
 3 Per-fect sub - mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God,  
 burst on my sight. An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove  
 hap - py and blessed, watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

*Refrain*

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto - ry,  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long. This is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.