

February 16, 2025

**INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

*P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**C: Amen.**

**READING**

***Jeremiah 17:5-8***

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the

LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

**HYMN    Renew Me, O Eternal Light**

- 1    Renew me, O eternal Light,  
      And let my heart and soul be bright,  
      Illumined with the light of grace  
      That issues from Your holy face.**
  
- 2    Remove the pow’r of sin from me  
      And cleanse all my impurity  
      That I may have the strength and will  
      Temptations of the flesh to still.**
  
- 3    Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
      That gladly I obey Your Word.  
      Let what You will be my desire,  
      And with new life my soul inspire.**
  
- 4    Grant that I only You may love  
      And seek those things which are above  
      Till I behold You face to face,  
      O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

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**SERMON**

## **PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.*

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN The Man Is Ever Blessed**

- 1 The man is ever blessed  
Who shuns the sinners' ways,  
Among their counsels never stands,  
Nor takes the scorners' place,**
- 2 But makes the Law of God  
His study and delight  
Amid the labors of the day  
And watches of the night.**
- 3 He like a tree shall thrive,  
With waters near the root;**

# Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'nly fruit.

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