

A SERVICE OF PRAYER

(2-18-69)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETING:

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

INVOCATION (leader)

*HYMN # 136 - "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" . . .Quebec

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Thus says the Lord, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Congregation: Lord, be merciful to us.

Leader: Confess therefore your sins to one another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. Let us pray.
O Lord, remember not our offenses, but spare Your people.

Congregation: Spare us, O Lord.

Leader: Our arrogance and pride, our complacency and self-sufficiency;

Congregation: O Lord, forgive.

Leader: Our divisions within our household of faith, our willful misunderstanding of each other's difficulties, our want of kindness and charity;

Congregation: O Lord, forgive.

Leader: Our envy and strife, our unwillingness to admit our faults, our blindness to the virtues of others;

Congregation: O Lord, forgive.

Leader: Our want of faith and confidence in our brethren, our failure to recognize the work of Your Spirit wherever He may please to operate, our indifference to the evil of a divided Christendom;

Congregation: O Lord, forgive.

Leader: Our want of power and conviction in our preaching,
our indifference to the world mission of the church,
our lack of concern for those living without Christ,
our insincerity in worship, our lack of zeal for
truth;

Congregation: O Lord, forgive.

Leader and Congregation in Unison:

Mercifully regard, O Lord, the prayers of Your
family, and while we submit ourselves to You
with our whole heart, prosper, support and encompass
us, that, relying on You as our guide, we may be
delivered from all evil, and replenished with all
good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader)

SILENT PRAYER
CHORAL RESPONSE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION (Leader)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison):

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Amen.

CHORAL HYMN

A MEDITATION ON PRAYER 'IN THE NAME OF JESUS' (from Søren
Kierkegaard's Journals)

*A LITANY 'IN HIS NAME'

Leader: Almighty God, You are far above our knowledge and
beyond our sight. Reveal Yourself to us as our
Father, in Jesus Christ our Lord;

Congregation: In His name, we beseech You to hear us.

Leader: By Your Word, who was with You in the beginning
and who came forth to make You known to men,
manifest Your wisdom and Your love to every person;

Congregation: In His name, we beseech You to hear us.

Leader: By the light of the world, shining in the darkness,
open our eyes to behold Your glory in Your goodness;

Congregation: In His name, we beseech You to hear us.

Leader: By the bread of heaven and the water of life,
renew our strength, nourish and refresh our
hearts;

Congregation: In His name, we beseech You to hear us.

Leader: Through the Son of God, who loved us and gave
Himself for us;

Congregation: Make us all Your children, in His name.

Leader: Through the Son of man, made of a woman, made under
the law for our salvation, perfect and fulfill our
humanity in body and spirit;

Congregation: Make us all Your children, in His name.

Leader: Through the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
of the world, pardon and deliver us sinners;

Congregation: Make us pure and holy, in His name.

Leader: Through the friend of sinners, who did not despise
the erring and who lifted up the fallen;

Congregation: Make us merciful and forgiving, in His name.

Leader: Through the Prince of Peace, whose kingdom is
everlasting, bless and prosper our country and our
rulers, keep all nations in amity and concord,
and save the world from war;

Congregation: Grant peace in our time, in His name.

Leader: Through the Lord of all, victor over sin and
death, conqueror of the grave, opener of the gates
of heaven, give us courage to endure and overcome
all things;

Congregation: Grant us victory, in His name.

Leader and Congregation in Unison:

Thanks be to You, O God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Second Setting)

*BENEDICTION (Leader)

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE