**GENERAL LITURGY 5 - GRACE**

 (Standing)

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

**Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.**

 TUNE: WAREHAM (22 H)

 Lord God of hosts! O may our praise

 Your courts with grateful incense fill;

 Still may we stand before your face,

 Still hear and do your sovereign will.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

God spoke these words, saying:

**You shall have no other gods besides me.**

**You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

 TUNE: SOUTHAMPTON (14 F)

 Lord God, with shame I now confess

 I've turned away from you;

 Forgive me all my sin today,

 My heart and soul renew.

 (Kneeling or sitting)

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant; incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies.

 (Silent confession)

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

 (Standing)

 TUNE: PILGRIMAGE (166 A)

 The peace which God alone reveals

 And by his word of grace imparts,

 Which only the believer feels,

 Direct, and keep, and cheer our hearts!

 And may the holy Three-in-One,

 The Father, Word, and Comforter,

 Pour an abundant blessing down

 On every soul assembled here!

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

**With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.**

**We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.**

**In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.**

 TUNE: GLORIA PATRI

 Choir: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

 and to the Holy Spirit;

 All: As it was in the beginning,

 is now, and ever shall be,

 World without end. Amen, Amen, Amen.

(All may join in the following or other intercessions, or the service may continue as the liturgist directs.)

 (Sitting)

 Choir: Lord, God, Father,

 All: **Hear us as we pray.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Our Father in heaven,

 **hallowed be thy name. hallowed be your Name,**

 **Thy kingdom come. your kingdom come,**

 **Thy will be done on earth, your will be done,**

 **as it is in heaven. on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily Give us today our daily**

 **bread. bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, Forgive us our sins**

 **as we forgive those as we forgive those**

 **who trespass against us. who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, Save us from the time of trial,**

 **but deliver us from evil. and deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, For the kingdom, the power,**

 **and the power, and the glory, and the glory are yours,**

 **forever and ever. Amen. now and for ever. Amen.**

 Choir: Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world,

 All: **Be gracious unto us.**

 Choir: Lord God, Holy Spirit,

 All: **Abide with us forever.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for church, nation, and world, the afflicted, and the coming of God's kingdom may be offered. These prayers may close with the following:)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common intercession to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**Amen.**

 (The prayers may close with the following stanza:)

 (Standing)

 TUNE: REGENT SQUARE (585 D)

 Thanks we give and adoration

 For the gospel's joyful sound;

 May the fruits of your salvation

 In our hearts and lives abound;

 May your presence, may your presence,

 With us evermore be found. Amen.

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