

## *A Liturgy for the 2020 Presidential Election*

Jesus said, “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.” (*John 13:34-35*)

*Silence*

*Officiant*      O God, make speed to save us.

*People*          O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant*      Let us pray

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People pray together, saying,*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
    the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you (us), forgive you (us) all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you (us) in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you (us) in eternal life. Amen.

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes “us” for “you.”*

## **Reflection on Scripture**

*Insert scripture text each week*

## **Prayers**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of our president, officials, and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Donald, Melania, and the Trump family, that you would bless them, O Lord, and give them all the good things we want in our own lives and the lives of those we love.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

For Joe, Jill, and the Biden family, that you would bless them, O Lord, and give them all the good things we want in our own lives and the lives of those we love.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

For those with whom we disagree and are in conflict, with whom we struggle to understand and be in relationship, and from whom we are divided, that you would bless them, O Lord, and give them all the good things we want in our own lives and the lives of those we love.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

## Silent Reflection

*Officiant* For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation.  
*People* He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

### *Silence*

*Officiant* In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
*People* Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

### *People and Officiant*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### *The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. *Amen.*