

## Worship Resources for Matthew 5

February 2, 2020

### Call to Worship or Litany

L: As Jesus sat down to teach, he called his disciples to him

**P: Lord, call us out from the crowd**

L: As he taught, Jesus described a new way of life

**P: Lord, call us out from the crowd**

L: A way of life filled with mercy, care for the poor, righteousness and peace

**P: Lord, call us out from the crowd**

L: It is a way that can lead to persecution and suffering

**P: Lord, call us out from the crowd**

**All: And give us faith to walk with Jesus through this world as faithful disciples.**

### Prayer of the People

Good and gracious God, the Creator and the Savior of this world; you have called your disciples to be light and leaven in this world. By the power of your Holy Spirit fill us with your grace, your love, your wisdom and your faith that we can be peacemakers, justice seekers, compassionate servers and faithful witnesses to your Word and Presence in this world. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

### Offertory Sentence

Today, several people are celebrating the Souper Bowl of Caring; so let us remember the poor and the hungry; and the ways God empowers us to serve through food pantries, weekend backpack programs, community dinners and other feeding programs as we offer our gifts to the Lord.

### The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you

**P: And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts

**P: We lift them up to the Lord**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Your Son is always being revealed to us; on the Mount of the Beatitudes; walking on the Sea of Galilee; teaching in Capernaum, and healing in Jerusalem.

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth and full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Holy are you and bless is your Son Jesus Christ.

On this day when we recall your Son going upon the Mountain to teach; we remember his words to love you and to love our neighbor; to forgive as many as seventy times seven; to give quietly, pray in secret; and to seek justice, righteousness, mercy and peace. He called us to live our lives by a new standard as disciples who seek to always walk with Jesus.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit makes us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**P: Amen**