

father and your mother,” which is the first commandment with promise, “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. —Ephesians 6:1-4

God’s People Respond By Confessing Their Sins

Corporate Confession

—Psalm 51

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

Private Confession

God Assures His People of Their Pardon

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. —1 John 5:13

God’s People Respond in Praise

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #457

***God’s People Confess Their Faith**

***The Apostles’ Creed** *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 845

God Calls His People to Prayer

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me.

—Romans 15:30

God’s People Present Their Petitions to Him

Pastoral Prayer Mr. Greg Hoadley

God Instructs His People Through His Word

***Reading of the Scriptures** 1 Peter 1:17-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Why You Should Fear God, Mr. Greg Hoadley
or, Reasons for Reverence

God’s People Respond in Thanksgiving with Praise, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory *How Firm a Foundation*, #94

***Doxology** *Trinity Hymnal*, #731

***God Exhorts His People**

But prove yourselves doers of the word,
and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (James 1:22)

***Closing Hymn** We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought, #493

***Benediction**

Silent Prayer

Musical Postlude *Be Thou My Vision*, #642