

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace
as you share that blessing with others and care for this good earth,
that all creation may declare God's glory. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA!

Joshua Allen

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kelly Weaver

SCRIPTURE

Our first New Testament reading is from the book of Acts chapter 4,
verses 5 through 12. O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our next reading is from the First letter of John chapter 3 verses
16 through 24. Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the good new which we have received, in which we
stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Joshua Allen

GOSPEL

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Our gospel lesson today is from the gospel according to John
chapter 10, verses 11 through 18. Hear the word of God for us.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Green Pastures, Still Waters"

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ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kelly Weaver

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

M: Holy One, Holy Three, mother of all creation:
Yours is the womb of all life.
Yours is the fountain of living water.
Yours is the voice that breaks down walls.
Yours is the love that cannot be contained.

K: For the thirsty, you give the water of life.
For the hungry, you offer the bread of heaven.
For the weak, you carry heavy burdens.
For the joyful, you shout in holy laughter.
For the anxious, you summon showers of peace.
For the suffering, you breathe sighs of comfort.

M: As we pray for the new heaven and new earth, O God,
we give thanks for this earth, our partner in your service.
Move us to hear your voice in the song of the sparrow,
to see your face reflected in the river.

K: Awaken us to your greatness through the winds of the storm,
and the scent of your grace on the morning dew.
Empower us to hear your prophets in the croaks of evening frogs,
to read your gospel in the webs of writing spiders.

M: Yours is the womb of all life, O God.
Yours is the fountain of living water.
Yours is the voice that breaks down walls.
Yours is the love that cannot be contained.

K: In your great mercy you call us to care for your creation,
to uphold one another, and to pray for your world.
Hear our prayers for the healing of the earth . . .
For clean water, that all may drink . . .
For the right use of resources
and the careful tending of the land and the seas . . .
For people and places damaged by war . . .
For those who suffer, those whose needs are known to us,
and those whose needs are known only to you . . .

~ ~ ~ *A time of silence* ~ ~ ~

M: With confidence that you hear our prayers,
we offer ourselves for your good purposes,
watching and waiting for the healing of your creation
as we work toward your coming reign.
Through Christ our Savior,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and praise to you now and forever. **Amen.**