

Recommitment 2005

Courage of Commitment

A Christian Community

In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour

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CIRCLE TIME

ENTRANCE

REFLECTION

We understand the Christian Church as the gathering of those who are committed to Christ and to one another in the living of a common life. We are to be pioneers, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and prophets – representatives of the new humanity. The proclamation of the gospel is ... for all who ... know that Christ is on the march. The world may be fearful and anxious and weary, but we are not weighted by the world. We are following One who has unfathomable resources and One who makes them available to us and who says, "You must set new norms for life so that people can see what life can be. This is your task. Your primary vocation is to enter into covenant

relationships with others who have also met this Christ – to be that new society into which others can be drawn."

Call to Commitment, Elizabeth O'Connor pg.23

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the presence of our Creator
 who called the universe into being,
 we stand in awe.

People: In the presence of our Beloved
 who stirs within us
 and calls our hearts to thirst for love,
 we stand in need.

All: In your presence, Divine Mystery,
 we come to worship,
 open to truth and love and healing.

INVOCATION

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: There is danger in commitment.

People: As the Body of Christ,
 we are called to see the whole of life,
 both the shadows and the light.

Leader: There is danger in commitment.

People: As the Body of Christ,
 we are called to respond joyfully
 to the sorrows of the world.

Leader: There is danger in commitment.

All: As the Body of Christ,
 we are called to proclaim
 the grace and love of God.

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: Eternal Light, your children come before you
 in need of forgiveness and comfort.

Voice 1: Our best selves too often dissolve
 in anger, pride, and fear when challenged.

Voice 2: Our behavior distances us from you
 and those we love.

Leader: How lonely we are in our trespasses.

Voice 1: We are not looking for a way back,
 but a way to a different place.

Voice 2: We cry out in our effort to escape the rutted
road,
 to follow in Christ's footsteps.

All: Shed your light on us, God, and give us

courage

as we stumble on the path you set before us.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

Leader: The message in Christ's
 death and resurrection is hope.
 God is with us and in us
 and will not forsake us.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

JESUS PRAYER

All: Eternal One, Father and Mother of us all,
Holy is your name.

Let justice and mercy fill all Creation
and let us recognize
that every thought and thing belongs to you.

Feed us with the bread we need for today.

Forgive our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Stand with us in trial and temptation.

Free us from the grip of all that is evil.

For you alone are creating our universe,

now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

SILENCE

EPISTLE

SILENCE

GOSPEL

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

The first Sunday of each month we switch to a Communion Liturgy here.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ is on the march: take courage.

Though we are few, God's people are not alone.

Embrace your commitment to Christ
so others can see what life can be.
And may the mysterious peace of God
be our Good News to share.

All: Amen.