

THE OPENING HYMN

*“Cry of My Heart” by Terry Butler
Faith’s Praises with congregation
(All who are able, please stand)*

(refrain)

*It is the cry of my heart to follow You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow – all of the days of my life.*

*Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you. (refrain)*

*Open my eyes so I can see – the wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to you. (refrain 2x)*

... all of the days of my life.

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THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9; Galatians 2:19–20*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

P The Pharisees said about Jesus, “If this man were a prophet, He would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.” We confess that we often fail to see our own sin.

C **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P In response to the prophet Nathan and his parable, David was eager to punish a man who had sinned against his neighbor, but didn’t recognize the sin he himself had committed.

C **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P As a result of our sin and not keeping Your good and wise Law,

C **We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

P For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

C **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**