

# Sermon on the Mount - Blessed are the Merciful

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.*

Psalm 9:7-10

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;  
he has established his throne for justice,  
and he judges the world with righteousness;  
he judges the peoples with uprightness.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.



# CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.*

## CONFESSION

TOGETHER

You are the only good and righteous judge. Yet we have rejected your good rule and in our pride have pronounced others guilty.

We are quick to be critical of those around us and fail to look at ourselves. You have called us to be people of compassion, humility, meekness, and patience but in our arrogance we have been critical, proud, and impatient with our neighbors.

TOGETHER

Help us to embrace humility and grieve over our own sin, so that we can walk in love toward our brothers and sisters.

After all, it is your patience and kindness that leads us to repentance. God of mercy, have mercy on us.



## **ASSURANCE**

LEADER

People of God! Jesus loves you and has freed you from your sin by his blood. Your guilt is, once and for all, covered by the cleansing blood of Jesus. Righteousness and life has been freely given to you because Christ bore the punishment for your sin.

LEADER

Look toward Jesus, your mediator, with hope and gladness. He has clothed you in his righteousness. If you are in Christ, your name is written in the book of life and you will one day enter into the everlasting joy of your Father in heaven.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!

For yours is the Kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.

Amen.



# **BENEDICTION**

*A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.*

...based on Colossians 3:12-13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

