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To Share Christ in and through the Church

PRAYER SERVICE - WEEK TWO

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Introduction: We are invited this evening to look to Jesus, the Lord, as our model, our hope, our guide, for us as His disciples on our pilgrim journey.

Song: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me.*
African American Spiritual.

Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, always and for everything!

All: In the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Ruler of the universe, for Your Holy Name, which You have planted in our hearts, and for the knowledge, faith, and eternal life which You have revealed to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Through the prophets, You teach us to hope for His reign of peace. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, You open our blindness to the glory of Christ's presence. Strengthen us in our weakness. Support us in our stumbling efforts to do Your will, and free our tongues to sing Your praise. For to You all honor and blessing are due, now and forever.
Amen.

Sacred

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

Silence

Psalm 34: *Taste and See.* Composed by Francis Patrick O'Brien.

Prayer

All: Lord God, by the cross and resurrection of Your Son, You have given life to Your people. Your servants have received the sign of the cross; make us living proof of its saving power, and help us to persevere in the footsteps of Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Intercessions

Leader: Let us bless the Lord, our God.

Leader: For Your cross and resurrection,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For the privilege to pray, and share our God-given gifts,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For the waters of Baptism,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For the example of leaders in faith,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For the hope of our youth and the wisdom of the aged,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For the holiness of the people of God,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Holy God, You sent us Jesus, the Christ, for our salvation. We pray this day for His saving grace in our lives. Give us hope in You, and compassion for one another. Hear us through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Song: *Make Me a Blessing.* Composed by George S. Schuler. Lyrics by Ira B. Wilson.

Blessing

Leader: May Jesus Christ, the bread of life, bless you (us) and keep you (us).
May the Lamb of God, Who laid down His life for us, graciously smile upon you (us).
May the Lord grant you (us) peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us extend to one another a sign of the Lord's peace.



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