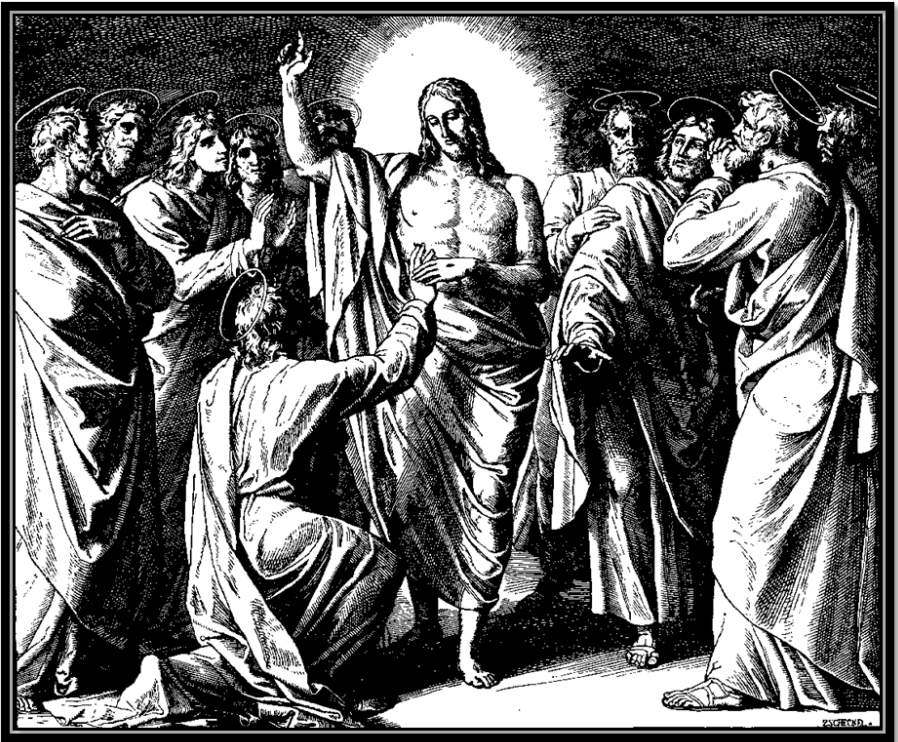


# Confession



RETURN TO WITTENBERG  
“WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?” CONFERENCE, DAY 3  
RITE OF PUBLIC CONFESSION + JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

# ✠THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC CONFESSION ✠

## Hymn of Repentance

“From Depths of Woe”

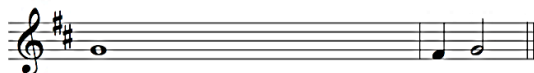
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*Stand.*

## Versicles

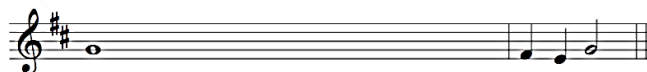


**P** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me.

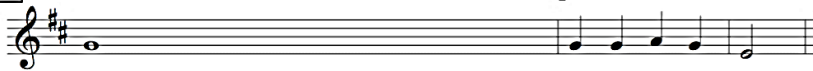


**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*



**P** The sacrifices of God are a bro - ken spir-it.



**C** A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not de-spise. *Ps. 51:17*

## Collect

**P** O holy and righteous God, who sets our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance: we have done evil in Your sight, our conscience condemns us, our sin cannot be denied. Grant, therefore, we beseech You, that we may not seek to hide ourselves from You, but rather make a sincere confession of our sins. And, according to Your promise, forgive us our trespasses and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our only Savior

**C** Amen.

*Sit.*

## Psalm 51a

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*Note: the Pastor and congregation will sing the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

*Psalm-prayer.*

**P** Almighty and everlasting Father, the God of all grace, who forgives the sins of the penitent, we beseech You, create in us new and contrite hearts, that, deploring our transgressions and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may obtain perfect remission, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Lesson

St. John 20:19-23

*After the Lesson:*

**P**

The Word of the Lord.

**C**

Thanks be to God!

## Hymn

“Yea, As I Live, the Lord God Saith”



**C**

1. “Yea, as I live,” the Lord God saith, “I do not wish the
2. Thus Christ His ser-vants gave com-mand: “Go forth and preach in
3. “Whose sins so - ev - er ye re - mit, I tru - ly par - don
4. “What ye shall bind, that bound shall be; What ye shall loose, that



sin - ner's death, But that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -  
ev' - ry land; For - give-ness to each soul ex - tend Who  
and ac - quit; Whose sins so - ev - er ye re - tain, Con  
shall be free; Un - to you all the keys are giv'n To



pent and live through end - less days.”  
mourns, be - lieves, and will a - mend.  
demned and guil - ty shall re - main.  
ope' and close the gates of Heav'n.

5. “They who believe, when ye proclaim  
The joyful tidings in My name,  
That I for them My blood have shed,  
Are free from guilt and judgment dread.”

6. When Pastors absolve us from sin  
Their Office the Lord Christ works in;  
Thus He bespeaks us innocent  
Through Ministers, His instruments.

7. However great our sin may be,  
The absolution sets us free,  
Appointed by God's own dear Son  
To bring the pardon He has won.

8. When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes,  
The purchase of His blood receives.

9. This is the pow'r of holy keys,  
It binds and doth again release;  
The Church retains them at her side,  
Our Mother and Christ's holy bride.

10. Let those, who stings of conscience bear,  
by sin tormented to despair,  
Flee to the blessed Throne of Grace  
And faith in absolution place.

11. All praise, true Son of God, to Thee  
For Holy Absolution be,  
In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.

12. Praise God, the Father and the Son  
And Holy Ghost, on one high Throne,  
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be,  
remaining in eternity! Amen.

## SERMON

### *After the Sermon:*

## Confessional Rite

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us kneel and make confession of our sins:

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

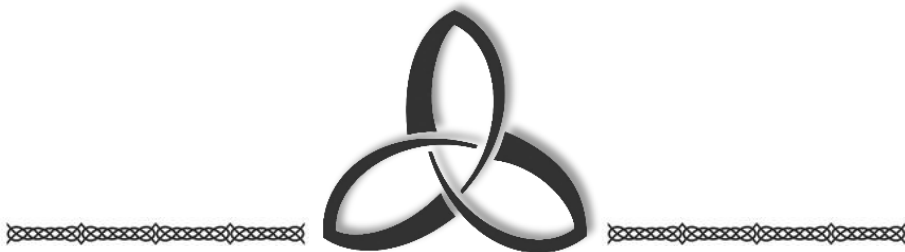
*The congregation shall come forward to receive individual absolution from the Pastor. The Pastor shall say to each individual penitent:*

**P** I now ask you before God, is this your sincere confession, that you heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly purpose, by the assistance of God the Holy Ghost, henceforth to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: Yes.

*Penitent: Yes.*

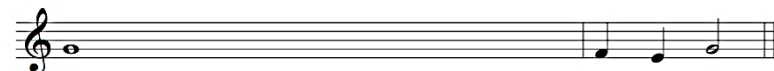
*Upon this declaration, the Pastor shall lay his hand upon the penitent and say:*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my Office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of God the ✠ Father, God the ✠ Son, and God the ✠ Holy Spirit. Amen.

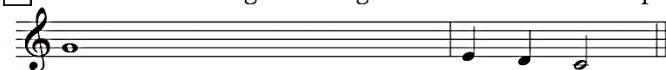


*After all have received Absolution, the Pastor shall say:*

**Collect**



**P** The Lord will give strength unto His peo - ple.



**C** The Lord will bless His people with peace.

*Psalm 29:11*



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord God, who despises not a contrite heart, but forgets the sin and wickedness of a sinner in whatsoever hour he mourns and laments his old manner of living: grant unto us, we beseech You, true contrition of heart, that we may earnestly despise our sinful life past, and wholly be converted unto You, by our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

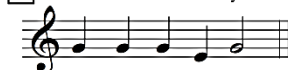


**C** A - men.

**Benedicamus**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir-it.



**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God!

**Benediction**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ, and the love of God,



and the communion of the Holy Spi - rit be with you all.



**C** A - men.





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