

First Reader: **A Reading from Exodus.**

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: **Our response today is a portion of Psalm 51. We will recite the Psalm responsively by half verse.**

- 1 **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; ***
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness ***
 and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 **For I know my transgressions, ***
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned ***
 and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 **And so you are justified when you speak ***
 and upright in your judgment.
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, ***
 a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 **For behold, you look for truth deep within me, ***
 and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; ***
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 **Make me hear of joy and gladness, ***
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins ***
 and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 **Create in me a clean heart, O God, ***
 and renew a right spirit within me.

Second Reader: **A reading from the First Letter to Timothy**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM 6

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *hold Silence for a moment...*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

hold brief silence.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Hold Silence for a moment; the People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence; The People may add their own remembrances

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

the Celebrant will conclude with a Collect.