

Options for Word Smart¹ - Colossians 1:11-20, Christ the King, Year C

Call to Worship:

L: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from Jesus' glorious power.

P: Lord, support our sagging faith.

L: May you be prepared to endure all things with patience.

P: Lord, give us your Spirit in times that are difficult.

L: Joyfully give thanks to God who has given us an inheritance beyond value.

P: In Jesus, all things hold together, yesterday, today, and forever. Let us worship our King.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we come to you today confessing the darkness in our lives. We hold onto old practices and prejudices, refusing to see the new thing you have been bringing into being. Forgive our arrogance and ignorance; forgive the faults we try to amend and the faults that are deeply ingrained; forgive the ways we speak and act in this world that have not brought glory to your name. Welcome us daily into your kingdom and give us grateful hearts so we may greet and be greeted by brothers and sisters entering with us. In the name of the One we call Lord, amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

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In Jesus Christ, who gave himself through his death and resurrection, we have redemption. He has forgiven our sins; cleaned up the mess we have made, mended the broken parts of our hearts and lives, and shown us how we have been welcomed into his new creation. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel - in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith:²

Jesus is first.

In creation, nothing came to be except through him.
In the world, all power and authority worthy of trust has been given by his Spirit.
In living, he holds everything together.

Jesus is the Head.

The first part of the Body that enters the new creation.
The first part of the Body that anyone sees.
The first part of the Body that brings the world into a life of abundant grace, mercy, blessing, and peace.

Jesus is Lord.

In him, God is pleased.
In him, God is pleased to live with humanity.
In him, God is pleased to welcome us home.

Benediction:

And now, through the sacrifice of Jesus' crucifixion, through the glory of his resurrection, in the grace of his peace, go out into the world bringing light and life, remembering who and Whose you are. In whatever you say or do, may God be pleased. Go in peace. Amen.

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