

Let us pray.

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins

Have mercy on me, O God,

In your constant love;

In the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences.

Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Give me the joy of your help again

and strengthen me with a willing spirit.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,

and will forgive our sins,

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Therefore to all who truly repent this is his gracious word:

'Your sins are forgiven.'

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
let us again accept our place within this covenant which God has
made with us and with all who are called to be disciples of Jesus.

This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit,
we accept God's purpose for us,
and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done:
some are easy, others are difficult;
some bring honour, others bring reproach;
some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material
interests,
others are contrary to both;

In some we may please Christ and please ourselves;
in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.
Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ Jesus,
who strengthens us.

Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own.
Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying
on his grace.

Eternal God,
In your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your
gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.
In obedience we hear and accept your commands;
in love we seek to do your perfect will;
with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.

We are no longer our own, but yours.

(Response)

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Your will, not mine be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;**

when I am troubled and when I am at peace.
Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer all that I have and am to serve you,
as and when you choose.

Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven.
Amen.