

# God Reveals Himself

A prayer service to be used at the conclusion of chapter 2 of *Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry*.

## Gathering

**LEADER:** Heavenly Father, you have revealed yourself to us, your children, through your holy word and the fulfillment of your covenant with your holy people. You gave us yourself through the human birth of your Son. Lead us Lord to know you through Him. We ask this in His name, Jesus

**ALL:** Amen

## The Word of the Lord (based on John 1: 1-31)

### READER:

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,

and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." "From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm Response** (based on Psalm 8)

**Response:**           **O Lord, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!**

**Reader 1:**           I will sing of your majesty above the heavens  
with the mouths of babes and infants.  
You have established a bulwark against your foes,  
to silence enemy and avenger.

**Response:**           **O Lord, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!**

**Reader 2:**           When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
The moon and the stars that you set in place—  
What is man that you are mindful of him,  
and a son of man that you care for him?

**Response:**           **O Lord, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!**

**Reader 3:**           Yet you have made him little less than a god,  
Crowned him with glory and honor.  
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,  
put all things at his feet:

**Response: O Lord, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!**

**Reader 4:** All sheep and oxen,  
Even the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
And whatever swims the paths of the seas.

**Response: O Lord, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!**

## **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting.

AMEN.

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:** Lord, Almighty God, thank you for giving us the Truth as you became man. Your word made flesh illustrates your undying love for us your people. Please help us to follow your words and love Jesus.