

**Overheard – Conversations by the Cross
Pilate and His Wife**

Order of Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.
Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

**C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our
thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring
us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your
truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Hymn: Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW-479, ELW-759)

Psalmody ... Psalm 14

P: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God,"

**C: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no
one who does good.**

P: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if
there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

**C: They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there
is not one who does good, no, not one.**

P: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my
people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

**C: There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the com-
pany of the righteous.**

P: You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is
their refuge.

**C: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When
the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will re-
joice; Israel will be glad. Amen**

Children's Message