## A Service Remembering The Unborn Before The Lord

**Opening Hymn** 

**Beautiful Savior** 

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**P:** Creator of life, enemy of death, We lift up our eyes, as Your servant saith, To offer You praise, great Giver of days. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth:..And He said, 'Let us make man in our image'...Male and female He created them...And God breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul. (Gen 1:27,2:7)

**P:** And God looked at everything He had made, and it was very good. But even before the beginning I was in His mind. (Gen 1:31)

C: He chose me in Christ before the foundation of the world. (Eph 1:4)

**P:** And then He formed my inmost being. He knit me together in my mother's womb. His eyes saw my unformed body. (Psalm 139:13,16)

C: Your hands made me...Your hands shaped me...You gave me life and showed me kindness...You are my Redeemer who formed me in the womb. (Job 10:8,12; Psa 119:73; Isa 44:24)

Hymn

**Precious Your Creation** 

**P:** Satan deceived the first woman and she disobeyed the Lord's command, then the first man knowingly disobeyed also... The world was plunged into the darkness of sin and death. (Gen 3:4; I Tim 2:14)

C: Sin entered the world through one man, and death by sin...And death came to all men because all have sinned - Surely I was sinful from the time my mother conceived me. (Rom 5:12; Psa 51:5)

**P:** Man was not to end life according to his own wish. God forbad him to murder. ..God specifically said not to take the life of the innocent. ..It is an abomination to Him to shed innocent blood... The life of every creature is its blood... We are not to offer the fruit of our body for the sins of our souls. (Exo 20:13; 23:7; Pro 6:17; Lev 17:14; Mic 6:7)

C: Speak up. He says, for those who cannot speak for themselves and defend those in

need...Children are His gift...If He could love anyone more, it would be little children. (Pro 31:8-9: Psa 128:4; Mar 10:14)

Confession of sin

Daniel 9:4-18; Ezra 9:6,13,15

**P:** 0 Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps Your covenant of love with all who love You and obey Your commands, we have sinned and done wrong.

C: We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

**P:** Lord, You are righteous in everything You do, and this day we are covered with shame because of our unfaithfulness to You.

C: 0 Lord, we and the leaders of our country are guilty because we have sinned against You.

**P:** But You, our Lord and God, are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against You; we have not obeyed the laws You gave us through Your servants the prophets.

C: 0 Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away .Your anger and Your wrath from us. Give care, 0 God, and hear: open your eyes and see our great need.

**P:** We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.

C: 0 Lord God, we are too ashamed and disgraced to lift up our eyes to You because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens

**P:** What is happening to our nation is a result of our evil deeds and our great guilt, and yet, our God, You have punished us less than our sins have deserved

C: 0 Lord, You are righteous! Here we are before You in our guilt, though because of it not one of us should stand in your presence.

**Hymn** 0 Thou That Hear'st 325 v 1, 4,5

**Devotion** Father, Forgive Them Luke 23:34

**Response** Christ, The Life Of All The Living 151vl

**Forgiveness** Exo 34:6; IJoh 1:9; IISam 12:13; IICor 5:19; Joh 8:11; Isa 53:4-6

**P:** The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin

C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**P:** The Lord has taken away our sins...He does not charge our sins against us...He does not condemn us, but says leave the life of sin.

C: Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, but He was pierced for our transgressions.

**P:** He was crushed for our iniquities'.the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

C: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

**Hymn** I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

**Psalm of Praise** Psalm 146

**P:** Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, 0 my soul.

C: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**P:** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

C: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**P:** Blessed is he whose hope and help is in the Lord his God,

C: The Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them, the Lord. who remains faithful forever.

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