



LITURGY GUIDE

HOSEA

The Relentless Love  
of a Faithful God

“I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER...  
I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME IN FAITHFULNESS.

HOSEA 2:19–20

INTRODUCTION

The Book of Hosea is one of the most profound pictures in Scripture of God’s covenant love. Through the prophet Hosea’s own marriage, God reveals the painful reality of Israel’s unfaithfulness and the overwhelming depth of His mercy.

Hosea reminds us that God’s love is not shallow sentimentality. It is a steadfast covenant love that pursues His people, confronts their sin, calls them to repentance, and restores them through grace.

As we enter this liturgy, we come as people who have often wandered, yet are continually invited home by the faithful love of our Father.

OPENING SENTENCES

- Leader:** Come, let us return to the Lord, for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.
- People:** Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord. His going out is sure as the dawn.
- Leader:** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.
- People:** They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

HOSEA 6:1, 6:3; LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father,  
You have loved us with an everlasting love, yet we have often turned away from You. We have sought satisfaction in things that cannot save, trusted in our own strength, and followed the desires of our own hearts.

Like Israel, we have wandered from Your ways. Forgive our idolatry, our pride, and our unfaithfulness. Restore us by Your grace and teach us again to walk in Your covenant love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

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I will betroth you to me forever.  
I will betroth you to me in  
righteousness and in justice,  
in steadfast love and in mercy.  
I will betroth you to me  
in faithfulness.  
And you shall know the Lord.

HOSEA 2:19–20

MEDITATION: THE HEART OF HOSEA

Hosea reveals a God who does not abandon His people when they wander. The Lord’s covenant love is compared to the love of a faithful husband pursuing an unfaithful bride.

The story of Hosea points forward to Christ, who came to redeem and restore His people. In Jesus, God does not merely call us back from afar—He comes near, bears our sin, and makes us His own.

The question Hosea asks us is not simply, “Have you failed God?” We all have. The deeper question is, “Will you receive the faithful love of the God who is calling you home?”

PRAYER OF  
RESPONSE

O Lord, our God,  
You are faithful when we  
are faithless. You pursue us  
when we wander and restore  
us when we repent.

Give us hearts that love what  
You love. Remove from us  
every false refuge and every  
competing devotion. Teach us  
to rest in Your mercy and to  
walk faithfully with You.

May our lives become a response  
of gratitude for the love You have  
shown us in Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE

For the Church, that we would remain  
faithful to Christ, our true Bridegroom,  
and faithfully proclaim His mercy to  
a wandering world.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

For those who have wandered from  
God, that they would hear His call and  
experience His restoring grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

For families, marriages, and  
relationships that have experienced  
brokenness, that God would bring  
healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

For those struggling with shame, guilt,  
or regret, that they would know the  
depth of God’s steadfast love.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF  
THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,  
we thank You for Your  
unfailing love revealed  
throughout Scripture and  
fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Thank You that our hope does  
not rest upon our faithfulness  
alone, but upon Your covenant  
faithfulness toward us.

May we become people who  
reflect Your mercy, pursue  
holiness, and love others as  
we have been loved.

Through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

CLOSING  
BLESSING

May the Lord draw us back  
when we wander, strengthen  
us when we are weak, and  
remind us that we belong  
to Him.

May we know the Lord’s  
steadfast love, walk in His  
faithfulness, and proclaim  
His mercy to the world.

**People:** Amen.

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