

MORTGAGE BURNING SERVICE

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth. Blessed be our God, who does all things well.

People: Blessed by His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Minister: The good hand of the Lord has been upon us, and He has prospered us by His grace, so that we have been enabled to finish the work of paying this mortgage. We therefore meet joyfully today to transform this bond of indebtedness into the incense of humble gratitude.

People: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us pray: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you today for the memory of all of those who have gone before us in this place, who faithfully prayed, gave, and worked, so that the life in Jesus Christ might continue here from one generation to another;

People: Bless your name, O Lord.

Minister: And Father, we praise you for the generosity of members, families and friends, for the service of organizations and leaders of the congregation, and for the faithful PRAYERS of ALL Your people;

People: We thank You, Father.

Minister: Lord, God we pray for Your continued guidance in all of our labors for You; for the wisdom and knowledge that can ONLY come from You, for Your Spirit of unity and harmony in our midst, so that people may be drawn to the Savior through our ministry together within these walls and beyond;

People: Help us O Lord, because we know that "apart from (You), we can do nothing,"

Minister: And now , Holy Father, trusting in Your love and goodness, confident in and through Your power, and dedicating ourselves anew to the support of our beloved Church, and through that support, to the growth and expansion of the Kingdom of love and light, we burn this mortgage, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(While the photocopy of the canceled mortgage burns, the congregation may rise to sing the Doxology.)