

A GATHERING

THE PEOPLE GATHER

The Gathering Prayer

Said in Unison

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God now and forever. AMEN.

The Gathering Psalm or Song

The following from Psalm 113, or some Psalm, song, or music is offered

Give praise, you servants of the Lord, ***praise the Name of the LORD.**

Let the name of the LORD be blessed, ***from this time for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down, ***let the Name of the LORD be praised.**

The LORD is high above all nations, ***and his glory above the Heaven.**

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of the Day, or some other portion of the Gospel, is now read.

RESPONSE

Reflect and respond to the Gospel

(An opportunity is given for the Gathering to Respond from the point of view of the people gathered. The form below may also be used).

1. *What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day?
(Reread the Gospel.)*
2. *What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you ?
(Reread the Gospel.)*
3. *What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?*

PRAYER

Prayers

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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ACTIVITY

Some activity may now be offered.

OUR PRAYER

God our Father, you see us your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show us that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help us to take failure, not as measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give us strength to build our faith in you, and to keep alive our joy in your creation: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.