

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

At the Close of Day

THE 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 place 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 of Praise

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

***you that stand by night in the house of the LORD,**

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD,

***the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.**

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

As appointed

RESPONSE

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel of the Day

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free ***to go in peace as you have promised;**

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, ***whom you have prepared for all the world to see**

A Light to enlighten the nations, ***and the glory of your people Israel.**

Prayers

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

Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day and penitence for our sins be included.

A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - GREEN

Collects

This and/or other Collects, as appointed are said or sung

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace: and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

Officiant: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **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.