

## 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 139:1-3, 6, 10-13, 19-20 Domine, probasti*

LORD, you have searched me out and known me: **\*you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places **\*and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, **\*but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit? **\*where can I flee from your presence?**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, **\*and the light around me turn to night,**"

Darkness is not dark to you, the night is as bright as the day; **\*darkness and light to you are both alike.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts; **\*you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; **\*your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

They speak spitefully against you; **\*your enemies take your Name in vain.**

Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you? **\*and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?**

### 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;**

## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - PURPLE

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.*

### 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.