

CHRIST IS BORN!

In the Morning

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 103:1-6, 20-22 Benedic, anima mea

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, ***and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, ***and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3 He forgives all your sins ***and heals all your infirmities;**
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave ***and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness ;**
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, ***and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness ***and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, ***and hearken to the voice of his word.**
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, ***you ministers of his who do his will.**
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion, ***bless the LORD, O my soul.**

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?*

APOSTLE'S CREED

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary ,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father ,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - RED

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

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

Collects

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

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose, 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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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.