

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 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 96:1-4, 11-13 Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; ***sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name, ***proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day .**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations ***and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; ***he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; ***let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, ***when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness ***and the peoples with his truth.**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: ***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

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 ,

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

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

Prayers

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

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.