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Opening Words

The God of heaven has made God's home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest of all creation lives among the least.

Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who thirst

and drink the water of life.

Come now all who hunger

and be filled with good things.

Come now all who seek

and be warmed by the fire of love.

Canticle – Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord all you earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness

and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;

the One who made us and to whom we belong;

we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Confession

Siblings in Christ, not out of dread and fear but believing that God is bountiful in mercy, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Silence

Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,

The Lord's Prayer (*Paraphrase by Jim Cotter*)

As beloved children of a loving Parent
we are bold to pray:

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending

This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
We will not offer to God
Offerings that cost us nothing.
Go in peace to love and serve;
We will seek peace and pursue it.
In the name of the Trinity of Love,
God in community, holy and one. Amen.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, this day and forever.

Amen