

## OPENING WORDS (ALL)

<sup>NIV</sup> **Psalm 91** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." <sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup> You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. <sup>9</sup> If you make the Most High your dwelling – even the LORD, who is my refuge – <sup>10</sup> then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; <sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. <sup>14</sup> "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. <sup>15</sup> He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. <sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

## GRACE (ALL)

Our Father in heaven,  
for your creatures  
you bring forth food from the earth,  
we thank you for the gift of your son,  
the bread of life come down from heaven.

Made one by your Spirit,  
may we know unity and peace together,  
and offer welcome to all  
who would come to this table.

Amen.

## MEAL

### SCRIPTURE READING

*[Space is left for reflection and discussion.]*

## TEA AND COFFEE

### INTERCESSIONS (ALL)

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, he sits at the right of the Father, always ready to intercede on our behalf.

As God's children let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*[Matters for prayer are named and the community prays silently for each.]*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as  
it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power  
and glory, forever.

Amen.

### OPTIONAL HYMN

### FINAL WORDS (ALL)

*Our Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ  
endured the condemnation of death on our behalf,  
though he knew no sin, make us your children, one  
with Christ. Take away our sins, secure us in  
eternal life. Grant that at the resurrection of the  
dead we may hear your words of affirmation:*

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well  
pleased."

(Matthew 3:17)

And may the same Christ,  
who lives forever and is the source of our new life,  
keep your hearts rejoicing  
and grant you peace this day and always.

Amen.