

These words will guide our worship. Except where indicated, we will say and sing these words together.

[A prayer and sermon is given before the meal.]

OPENING WORDS (ALL)

The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains:
The heavens declare the glory of God;
And we exhibit his likeness,
 though marred by our own misdeeds.
In the waters of baptism we are shown
 that we have died with Christ
 and are reborn by the Holy Spirit,
 to live now in the hope and joy
 of the resurrection.
United with Christ our Saviour, the Son of God,
 we form his body the Church,
 and now approach our Father in heaven as
 his children.
We offer ourselves with all our frailties,
 to be transformed by his word,
 to pray for his world
 and to witness to all of the goodness of
 our creator and redeemer.
Let us worship God.

HYMN

[While we sing, the meal is served.]

GRACE

Our Father in heaven,
 for your creatures
 you bring forth food from the earth,
 for your goodness to all, we thank you.
And for the gift of your son,
 the bread of life come down from heaven,
 we worship you.
We live now by the gift of your Spirit,
 and so now may we know together
 the unity and peace that
 is ours for eternity in Christ.
Direct our hearts, we ask,
 that we would welcome all to this table,
 enjoying and sharing your good gifts
 of food, drink and fellowship,
 a sign for the world of the banquet
 that awaits in your coming kingdom.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*[The reader will say: 'This is the Word of the Lord'.
Together, we respond: 'Thanks be to God.']*

[Requests for prayer are written and collected.]

PRAYERS (ALL)

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, he sits at the right
of the Father, always ready to intercede on our behalf.
Adopted into God's family, let us then approach the
throne of our Father with confidence, so that we may
receive help in our time of need.

*[Matters for prayer are named and the community
prays silently for each. At the conclusion of each
period of prayer, one says: 'Lord, in your mercy'. In
response, all say, 'Hear our Prayer.' The concluding
prayer is the Lord's Prayer:]*

Our Father which art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
 as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
 debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
 from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING

[The offering is taken, after which all say:]

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by whom we are created,
sustained and redeemed, you call us to direct our lives
in the paths of Christ. Use these gifts we ask in the
service of your kingdom. Amen.

HYMN

BENEDICTION (ALL)

Around this table, we have met
 in the presence of the risen Christ.
In him we form one body.
Together may we continue to be
 a witness to all that he is
 in his faithfulness, wisdom and salvation.
And may we leave here now at peace, in the
 knowledge that no trouble, hardship,
 persecution or famine shall separate us
 from the love of Christ.

[Teas and coffees are refilled.]