

OPENING PRAYER

Living God,

at times you seem so distant; help us know you are near.

At times we stray; welcome us home.

Standing in your presence, we know there are other people we could be with;

help us bridge the gap between your presence and the people we love.

We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way.

God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all.

Therefore,

I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another.

Let us pray.

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire

or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,

People: *Out loud, but muted*

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,

or failed to extend the invitation to others,

People: *Out loud, but muted*

Christ, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy

or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,

People: *Out loud, but muted*

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: *Out loud, but muted*

Praise God!

Scripture, Sermon, Prayers of the People

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Moses stood in the breach between God and humanity.

It's our turn to do the same.

What will you give to extend God's love and care to others?br/> The ushers will receive our morning offering.

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

People: *Out loud, but muted*

Gracious God,

receive the gift of our lives

and this offering of our service

to carry your love from this place to a world in need.

This we pray in the name of Christ,

whom with you and the Holy Spirit,

reign in our hearts and lives,

one God now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ,

standing in the gap,

extending the invitation to the eternal banquet,

rejoicing in God,

let your gentleness be known to everyone

and don't worry about anything.

+ The God who created you,

the Christ who redeems you

and the Spirit who empowers you

is with you today and ever more

Amen.

+ You may make a sign of the cross.