

## CHRIST IS BORN!

*In the Morning*

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The Gathering Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 51: 16, 11 - 13*

Open my lips, O Lord, **\*and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, **\*and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence **\*and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again **\*and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

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.**

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**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, and**

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
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*From Psalm 113*

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; **\*praise the Name of the LORD.**

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, **\*from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down **\*let the Name of the LORD be praised.**

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The Gathering Hymn of Praise

**O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
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The Gathering Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 134*

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

**\*you that stand by night in the house of the LORD,**

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD,

**\*the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.**

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*Psalm 63: 1 -4, 7-8 Deus, Deus meus*

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; **\*my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water .**

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, **\*that I might behold your power and your glory .**

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; **\*my lips shall give you praise.**

4 So will I bless you as long as I live **\*and lift up my hands in your Name.**

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*Psalm 130 De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice, **\*let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, **\*O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you, **\* therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits for him; **\*in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD. more than watchmen for the morning, **\*more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, **\*for with the LORD there is mercy;**
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*Psalm 141:1-4, 8-9 Domine, clamavi*

- 1 O LORD, I call to you: come to me quickly, **\*hear my voice when I cry to you.**
- 2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, **\*the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
- 3 Set a watch before my mouth. O LORD, and guard the door of my lips; **\*let not my heart incline to any evil thing.**
- 4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, **\*nor eat of their choice foods.**
- 8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD; **\*in you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.**
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*Psalm 139:1-3, 6, 10-13, 19-20 Domine, probasti*

LORD, you have searched me out and known me: **\*you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places **\*and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, **\*but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit? **\*where can I flee from your presence?**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, **\*and the light around me turn to night,**"

Darkness is not dark to you, the night is as bright as the day; **\*darkness and light to you are both alike.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts; **\*you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; **\*your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

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*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

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## 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 ,**

## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - WHITE

**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.**

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#### The Lord's Prayer

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
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your kingdom come,  
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## CHRIST HAS DIED

*At Noon*

### 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 of 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 121 Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; **\*from where is my help to come?**
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, **\*the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved **\*and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel **\*shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; **\*the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, **\*nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; **\*it is he who shall keep you safe.**
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, **\*from this time forth for evermore.**

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Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved: for your mercies' sake. **Amen.**

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Lord Jesus Christ. you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of Your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

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A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - White

CHRIST IS RISEN

*In the Early Evening*

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The People Gather

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The Gathering Prayer

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The Gathering Hymn of Praise

**O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

*As appointed*

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The Gathering Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 34: 1-8, 17- 19, 22 Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times, **\*his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
- 2 I will glory in the LORD, **\*let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; **\*let us exalt his Name together.**
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me **\*and delivered me out of all my terror .**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, **\*and let not your faces be ashamed.**
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me **\*and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, **\*and he will deliver them.**
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; **\*happy are they who trust in him!**
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them **\*and delivers them from all their troubles.**
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted **\*and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, **\*but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.**
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, **\*and none will be punished who trust in him.**

### GOSPEL OF THE DAY

*As appointed*

### RESPONSE

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Lord, you now have set your servant free **\*to go in peace as you have promised;**

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, **\*whom you have prepared for all the world to see**

## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - WHITE

A Light to enlighten the nations, **\*and the glory of your people Israel.**

### Prayers

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Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace: and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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# CHRIST IS BORN!

*In the Morning*

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The Gathering Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 103:1-6, 20-22 Benedic, anima mea*

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, **\*and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, **\*and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3 He forgives all your sins **\*and heals all your infirmities;**
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave **\*and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness ;**
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, **\*and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness **\*and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, **\*and hearken to the voice of his word.**
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, **\*you ministers of his who do his will.**
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion, **\*bless the LORD, O my soul.**

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY

*As appointed*

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## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - RED

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## CHRIST HAS DIED

*At Noon*

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The Gathering Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 84 Quam dilecta*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! **\*My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; **\*by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! **\*they will always be praising you.**
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! **\*whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way .**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley we find it a place of springs, **\*for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
- 6 They will climb from height to height, **\*and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer, **\*hearken, O God of Jacob.**
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; **\*and look upon the face of your Anointed.**
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, **\*and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield, **\*he will give grace and glory;**
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold **\*from those who walk with integrity.**
- 12 O LORD of hosts, **\*happy are they who put their trust in you!**

### GOSPEL OF THE DAY

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### RESPONSE

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## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - Red

# CHRIST IS RISEN

*In the Early Evening*

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### The People Gather

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### The Gathering Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 141:1-4, 8-9 Domine, clamavi*

- 1 O LORD, I call to you: come to me quickly, **\*hear my voice when I cry to you.**
- 2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, **\*the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
- 3 Set a watch before my mouth. O LORD, and guard the door of my lips; **\*let not my heart incline to any evil thing.**
- 4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, **\*nor eat of their choice foods.**
- 8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD; **\*in you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.**
- 9 Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me **\*and from the traps of the evildoers.**

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY

*As appointed*

## RESPONSE

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## PRAYER

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A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - RED

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The Gathering Psalm of Praise

*Psalm 147:1, 3-6, 15-19 Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! **\*how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted **\*and binds up their wounds.**
- 4 He counts the number of the stars **\*and calls them all by their names.**
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power, **\*there is no limit to his wisdom.**
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, **\*but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 15 He has established peace on your borders, **\*he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, **\*and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 He gives snow like wool, **\*he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; **\*who can stand against his cold?**
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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.

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## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - WHITE

# A BLESSING SERVICE

### THE GATHERING

#### The People Gather

*Officiant:* Peace be to this place and all who are gathered here.

#### 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 placed the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of 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.**

#### A Blessing Psalm

*Psalm 24 Domini est terra*

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, **\*the world and all who dwell therein.**
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas **\*and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " **\*and who can stand in his holy place?"**
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, **\*who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD **\*and a just reward from the God of their salvation.**
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, **\*of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; **\*and the King of glory shall come in.**
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" **\*"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; **\*and the King of glory shall come in.**
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" **\*"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

### 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?*

### PRAYER

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - WHITE

*The following prayers are to be said together by all present*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### For a Home Blessing

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Bless all who live or gather here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love (to each other and) to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

### For the Blessing of Other Articles

O heavenly Father, whose blessed Son taught the disciples in all of the scriptures the things concerning Himself. Bless this \_\_\_\_\_ which we dedicate here today to your glory, and grant that we may so diligently search your holy Word that we may find in it the wisdom that leads to salvation; through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Common Blessing

*Said in unison by all present*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us His children through the resurrection of His Son our Lord, bestow upon us the richness of His blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make us holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

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### Blessing

*Officiant:* The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

## 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.

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## A Vigil Service

### THE GATHERING

*(The People say the words in bold type.)*

In the Name of God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

#### The Gathering Prayer

God is with us; God's love unites us, God's purpose steadies us, God's Spirit comforts us.

**Blessed be God forever .**

Merciful and compassionate God, we bring you our grief in the loss of N. and ask for courage to bear it. We bring you our thanks for all you give us in those we love; and we bring you our prayers for peace of heart in the knowledge of your mercy and love, in Christ Jesus. **AMEN.**

#### The Gathering Hymns

Lord, you now have set your servant free **\*to go in peace as you have promised;**

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, **\*whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

A Light to enlighten the nations, **\*and the glory of your people Israel.**

*The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis.*

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; **\*I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; **\*have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." **\*Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me, **\*nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away; **\*do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

Though my father and my mother forsake me, **\*the LORD will sustain me.**

Show me your way, O LORD; **\*lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, **\*for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD **\*in the land of the living!**

O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; **\*wait patiently for the LORD.**

*Psalm 27:9-18*

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.**

### THE GOSPEL

*The following and/or other appropriate Scripture Reading(s) may be used*

<sup>11:25</sup> Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live <sup>26</sup>, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26a

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<sup>14:1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going" <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:1-6a

### THE RESPONSE

*Reflect upon and Respond to the Gospel*

### THE PRAYERS

*These and/or other prayers are said or sung*

God of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. We thank you for the peace and light you bestow upon them; in your loving wisdom and almighty power continue to work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Glorious God, with your whole Church we offer you our thanks and praise for all you have done for humanity through Jesus Christ. By giving him to live and die for us you have disclosed your gracious plan for the whole world, and shown that your love has no limit. By raising Jesus from the dead you have promised that those who trust in him will share his resurrection life. For the assurance and hope of our faith, and for the saints you received into eternal joy, we thank you all holy and gracious God. And especially now we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for the life of N, now gone from us; for all your goodness to her/him through many days, for all that she/he was to those who loved her/him and for everything in her/his life that reflected your goodness and love, blessed be your name, O God. **AMEN.**

We commend N to God, as she/he journeys beyond our sight O God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death, and by rising again, restored life. May we not be afraid of death but desire to be with Christ, to be with the those we love, where every tear is wiped away and all things made new. We ask this through Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

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*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Text on p.39*

#### Blessing

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Now to the One who can keep us from falling and set us in the presence of the divine glory, jubilant and above reproach, to the only God our Savior, be glory and majesty, might and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now and for evermore. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
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## A GATHERING

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

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#### The Gathering Psalm or Song

*The following from Psalm 113, or some Psalm, song, or music is offered*

Give praise, you servants of the Lord, **\*praise the Name of the LORD.**

Let the name of the LORD be blessed, **\*from this time for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down, **\*let the Name of the LORD be praised.**

The LORD is high above all nations, **\*and his glory above the Heaven.**

### THE GOSPEL

*The Gospel of the Day, or some other portion of the Gospel, is now read.*

### RESPONSE

#### Reflect and respond to the Gospel

*(An opportunity is given for the Gathering to Respond from the point of view of the people gathered. The form below may also be used).*

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(Reread the Gospel.)*
2. *What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you ?  
(Reread the Gospel.)*
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### PRAYER

#### Prayers

*Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)*

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*Officiant:* Let us pray.

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Text on p.39*

### ACTIVITY

*Some activity may now be offered.*

**OUR PRAYER**

**God our Father, you see us your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show us that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help us to take failure, not as measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give us strength to build our faith in you, and to keep alive our joy in your creation: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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