

A SIMPLE EVENING LITURGY

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Opening Responses

Leader: Peace on each one who comes in need.

ALL: PEACE ON EACH ONE WHO COMES IN JOY.

Leader: Peace on each one who offers prayers.

ALL: PEACE ON EACH ONE WHO OFFERS SONG.

Leader: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son.

ALL: PEACE OF THE SPIRIT, THE TRIUNE ONE.

Song

Prayer

Leader: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes
to the wonder and beauty of creation.

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ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS

Leader: For your love for us, wild and freeing,
which has wakened us to the energy of creation:
to the sap that flows
the blood that pulses,
the heart that sings.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS

Leader: For your love for us, compassionate and patient,
which has carried us through our pain,
wept beside us in our sin,
and waited with us in our confusion.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

Leader: For your love for us, strong and challenging,
which has called us to risk for you,

asked for the best in us,
and shown us how to serve,

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS

Leader: O God, we come to celebrate
that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us,
and at the heart of all life.
Forgive us when we forget your gift of love
made known to us in Jesus,
and draw us into your presence.

The word of God

Colossians 2. 1-5

I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally, My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this that no one may deceive you by fine sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Reflection

Prayers of concern

Leader: We bring to God
someone we have met or remembered today
and for whom we want to pray

ALL: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Leader: We bring to God
someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayer

ALL: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Leader: We bring to God
a troubled situation in our world tonight.

ALL: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Leader: We bring to God, silently,

someone we find hard to forgive or trust.

ALL: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Leader: We bring ourselves to God,
that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
clarity of mind, and warmth of affection

ALL: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Poem

Kum ba Yah

Closing Responses

Leader: O Trinity of Love,
You have been with us at the world's beginning.

ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE WORLD'S END.

Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping.

ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE DAY'S END.

AMEN.

Blessing

Leader: The blessing of Martha's welcome,
the blessing of Mary's listening;
the blessing of action,
the blessing of reflection
the blessing of a God
who is in each of these, and in each one of us,
be with us all.

AMEN

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