

## 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.

### 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.

*#asked*

*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.

*Let us thank God for his gift of prayer by praying the Lord's prayer together.*

Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed by 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 sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
Now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **The word of God**

1 Peter 1. 17 -25

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you by your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For,

All men are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of the Lord stands for ever.

### **Reflection followed by a song**

#### **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

### **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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