

Gathering Sentences for Ordinary Time

In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral lands of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Watuth nations

From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

In this time and place

We meet in the presence of the living God

The living God who creates us and all that is.

In this time and place

The risen Christ stands in our midst.

The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.

In this time and place

God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us

The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.

In this time and place

Together, one people of God.

In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Sentences for Advent

In this time and place

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Watuth nations

From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

In this time and place

We await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

In this time and place

We await God's transformation of the world.

Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

In this time and place

We await the coming of the Commonwealth of peace.

Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

In this time and place

We commit ourselves to work with Christ that all these things may be accomplished.

In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Sentences for Christmas and Epiphany

In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral lands of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Watuth nations

From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

In this time and place

We give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness

A light no darkness can quench

In this time and place

We give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

The light of all people

In this time and place

We pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds

That we might be the light of God in the world.

In this time and place

Together, one people of God.

In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen

Gathering Sentences for Lent

In this holy time of Lent, we acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples and raise our hands to elders past and present as we seek reconciliation amongst all people who call Canada home.

May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

Bless the Holy One who forgives all our sins

God's mercy endures forever.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most Merciful God we confess that we have sinned against you....

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, +pardon and deliver you from all your sins...

Gathering Sentences for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Dear friends in Christ,
as we gather this day on the unceded and ancestral territory of Coast Salish nations
we begin our journey to Easter.

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal
mystery.

On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.

The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him
led to self-giving, suffering and death.

Today we greet him as our Sovereign, although we know his crown is thorns and his
throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms
to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death.

United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and
new life.

Maundy Thursday

On this Holy Thursday we offer this liturgy of celebration and remembrance
acknowledging that we worship on the unceded and ancestral territory of the Coast
Salish peoples. We raise our hands to elders past and present as we continue to
pray and work for reconciliation in this land

All: **May God be our strength and our song.**

This is the day....

Good Friday

From time immemorial peoples have gathered on the land on which we meet: we
acknowledge that we offer this liturgy of remembrance and prayer on the unceded
and ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples. On this Good Friday we offer our
repentance and prayers for the abuses of the past, praying for a spirit of
reconciliation and peace. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every
one to our own way....

Easter Vigil. After the opening canticle

Dear friends in Christ: as we gather on this festal day to celebrate the glorious
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that we worship on the
ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples and pray that the power of new life will
infuse our hearts and minds as we seek the liberating reconciling love of God.

All: **Blessed be God forever!**

Let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how God the Creator brought worlds into being, brought

Easter Day

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

As we gather on the unceded and ancestral lands of Coast Salish nations, let us pray that Christ's grace and peace will be with us.

May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ. May our hearts be filled with joy. Alleluia!

Pentecost

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

As we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit this day we give thanks for the land on which we meet, the ancestral territory of the (insert national group here) and pray for the outpouring of the Spirit on all peoples and nations

May God's Spirit enliven and empower all we seek to do to further the work of healing and reconciliation.