

Courage

THE GATHERING PRAYER

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 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.

THE GATHERING PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 31:23-24

²³ Love the Lord, all you his saints.

The Lord preserves the faithful,
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 22-33

REFLECTION AND REPOSE TO THE GOSPEL

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel:

1. What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel?
2. What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?
3. What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?



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,
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

Creator, since you created the heaven and earth things are always changing, change isn't always bad, and I need to accept that. Help me as I face changes in my life and show me ways to manage them. Jesus, give me wisdom and guide me as I enter these changes. May others be an encouragement as well and allow me to do the same in return. Keep me from questioning why things are happening and just show me how to accept them. In Your loving name, I ask these things. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen**

BLESSING

May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen**

or *GRACE*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**