Honesty

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 112:2-5

- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 20: 45-47

REFLECTION AND REPONSE 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

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

—A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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**