

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond these walls and respond to the needs of others with generosity and compassion

We give you thanks.

For these and all your gifts, O God,

We are truly thankful.

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
2 Peter 1: 16-21

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: “Roots and Wings”

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts
Sung Response: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

Pre-Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body, VU 467vs 1, 2

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

One: Glory to God in the highest

All: **and on earth, hope and peace to all!**

One: Blessed are you, gracious God...

So it is that we raise our voices to give you thanks and praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy God. God of time and space.**

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

One: So we remember that... Now send your Holy Spirit upon us, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ, light, life and love to the world.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All: For the food we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, we give you thanks, Holy One. Now send us forth, united in courage, peace and love, to give light to those in need, and be Christ's hands and feet in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body, VU 467 vs 3

Closing Hymn: On Eagle's Wings VU 808

Commissioning and Blessing:

Choral Amen: Hope Shines as a Solitary Star MV 220

**Hope shines as the solitary star,
faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.**

Postlude: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VU 264

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