

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral lands of Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu-chah-nulth and Coast Salish peoples. ³

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

In this time and place

We gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and in this space

We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages

In this time and space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and space

We are not alone, but one in Christ.

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place

Hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator,
Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

Reader: The Good News of Jesus according to _____

People: Glory to you, Jesus Christ.

Options for sung Alleluias

Gospel

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

The response may include song, a talk or dialogue, dance, instrumental music, other art forms or silence

Homily/Dialogue/Silence

Affirming our Christian Narrative

Alternate Texts

Presider: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Tirechan's (*pr. Ti-rec-han's*) Creed, 7th century

(from The Patrician Texts of the Book of Armagh AD 670)

Our God is the God of all humans,
the God of heaven and earth,
the God of seas and rivers,
the God of sun and moon,
the God of all heavenly bodies,
the God of the lofty mountains,
the God of the lowly valleys.
God is above all the heavens;
and beneath the heavens.
Heaven and earth and sea,
and everything in them,
such God has as an abode.
God inspires all things
gives life to all things,
stands above all things,
and stands beneath all things.

God enlightens the light of the sun,
strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
and places the stars in the service of the greater lights.
And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,
and similar in all respects
neither is the Son younger nor older;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen
(It is recommended that this Creed be read by a single voice)

Prayers of the people

Confession of Sin

Confession of Sin and Kyrie

C= Celebrant; L = Leader; A = All

C: In humility, as children of God and sisters and brothers in Christ, we receive God's mercy and respond to God's call to make new all relationships.

Silence is kept.

L: Merciful Lord, your Spirit hovered over the waters where diversity sprouted and flourished. We confess our difficulty to live with legitimate differences. Forgive us those attitudes of mind, words and actions that do violence to unity in diversity.

A: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: Merciful Christ, grace and joy of the multitude, listener and teacher, you give birth to new visions of hope and heal the wounds of mind and body. We confess that we have failed to listen to voices different from our own, failed to say words that bring healing and hope, and we have perpetuated exclusive attitudes to those who cry out for solidarity and fellowship.

A: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: Merciful Lord, you are the source of all creation, the Eternal and life-giving Word. We confess that we do not listen to your creation that groans and cries out for

liberation and renewal. Help us to walk together and to hear your voice in all living things that suffer and yearn for healing and care.

A: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

C: O God, fountain of mercy and grace, pour over us your pardon. May your love transform us into a source of living waters to restore the strength of your people. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

Absolutions

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
and cleanse you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord is here.

People: **God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider: Open your hearts.

People: **We open to the fullness of God.**

Presider: Feast at the banquet
prepared from the foundations of the world.

People: **We come, O Christ, in thanks and praise.**

Or

Presider: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

People: The glory of God covers the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Presider: The trees of the field clap their hands
The birds of the headlands call out their praise

People: We join with the song of creation and proclaim the glory of God.

Holy and eternal One
in whom we live and move and have our being
our origin and our fulfillment
we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal.

From the ocean of your primal love
you fashioned the marvel of creation
and beauty of human life.

From this land of towering forests, mist laden coastlines,
the rhythms of the tidal seas, storm and stillness
you humble us to affirm the sacred gift of all creation
and our stewardship for everything given and received.

Glory to you, source of all life!

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands learned their
dependence on your provision
salmon and whale, elk and bear,
and through song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar,
hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

Glory to you, source of all life!

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world
to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself
and make all things new in him.

Now, gathered from many places,
in faith, that is known to you alone,

with a heart set on the pilgrim way

we bring this bread and wine
yearning for the nourishment of your Spirit
and the fullness you promise in Jesus.

Glory to you, source of all life!

Joining then with the saints of every time and place
from these islands shaped by surging tides, wind and salt
we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy One, in Jesus:
who on that night before he died
took bread and gave you thanks.
Jesus broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said:
“Take this and eat it,
this is my body which is given for you.”

Do this, and know I am with you to the end of the age.

After supper, he took the cup,
gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant”

Do this, and know I am with you to the end of the age.

Therefore, God of all creation
we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us
that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread

and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

Glory to you, source of all life!

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ
and bring us to that heavenly table
where we will feast anew and every tear will be wiped away.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you,
O Holy and Eternal One
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever.

Glory to you, source of all life! Hallelujah!

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Option: Use Traditional wording.

Silence is kept.

Breaking of the Bread

Seasonal sentences can be found in the Resources section at the end of the booklet

Fraction sentence

Advent Presider: He whose Mother dreamed of hope for the poor
is now present with us in this bread.
He who birthed dreams in the hearts of many
Is now present in this wine.

People: May we live into God's dream of a new and just society.

Christmas/Epiphany Presider: He who first was first held by Mary
is held for us in this bread.
He whose body lay in a manger
is cradled in this cup.

**People: Creator of all, may we hold and cradle your son
in our hearts always.**

Or Presider: He whose table was open to all
is now present in this bread.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger
offers friendship through this cup.

**People: With people everywhere we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong**

Lent Presider: He whose cross is a sign of hope for many
Is now present in this bread.
He whose death brings healing to our world
Is now present in this wine.

People: Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

Easter Presider: The One who defeated death and injustice
is now present in this bread.
The One who offers our life promise and hope
is now present in this wine.

**People: Breaking into our lives and community
We ask God for new life in Christ.**

Pentecost Presider: Present in this Bread is the fullness of God
Made vulnerable for the world.
As the Spirit blows through our community
Here in this wine God is poured out for us.

**People: Here and now in this bread and wine
We taste and see God in us and in our community.**

Thanksgiving: Presider The hunger of the world is satisfied in this bread.

People May we feed this bread to all who hunger.

Presider: The thirst of all humanity is quenched in this wine.

People: May we satisfy this yearning in us and others.

At any time of the year

Presider: Creator of all,
who summons the salmon
from the depths of the seas
to yearn for the place of their origin.

People: So may your Spirit stir in our hearts
to return and find our home in you.

The Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

Prayer after Communion

People: Glory to God,
Whose power working in us,
Can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God,
From generation to generation,
For ever and ever. Amen

There is another option in the Book of Alternative services p. 214.

Blessing¹¹

Go forth from this place in the power of Christ.
Encourage the faint-hearted;
Help the weak;
Be patient with those in need.
See that none of you repays evil for evil;
But always do good to one another and to all.
Rejoice always;
Pray without ceasing;
Give thanks in all circumstances

and the God of peace will be with you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissals

*The Presider blesses the people. The dismissal is then offered by either a Deacon or a Lay Liturgical Assistant. From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost **Alleluia** is added to the dismissal and the people's response.*

Ordinary Time

Leader: Carry out into the world the love of God in Christ.

People: Loved, forgiven and redeemed, we go forth!

Or Leader: Go to the widows and the orphans, the poor and oppressed;

People: We will proclaim the good news and live into God's justice!

Or Leader: Go from this place seeking Christ in all people:

People: We go to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves!

Or Leader: Having been fed by the Bread of Eternal Life, go to this starving world:

People: We will go and make known the abundance of our God!

Reign of Christ

Leader: Go into the world seeking Christ's reign

People: We put our hope in He who is, who was and who is to come!

Advent

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: Our souls rejoice in God our Saviour!

Or Leader: Go into the world that is waiting

People: We go bearing the promise of God.

Christmas

Leader: Christ is born!

People: Love has been poured into our hearts!

Or Leader: Go into the world that God so loves.
 People: We go bearing the light of Christ.

Lent

Leader: Go from this place with the cross on your hearts.
People: We will empty ourselves with Christ for the life of the world.

Easter

Leader: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
People: Through his resurrection we are raised to new life! Alleluia!

Pentecost

Leader: Go into the world seeking the life of the Spirit.
**People: In love, joy, peace, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness we will live
into the Spirit's freedom.** *(Galatians 5)*

Trinity Sunday

Leader: Go proclaim the love of our Triune God:
People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Creation

Leader: Go, respecting and serving all that God has created.
People: For God created all and saw that it was good.