

Morning Liturgy B

Opening responses

Leader: Way beyond all journeying,
Truth behind all mystery,
Life within all living:
ALL WE PRAISE YOU.

Leader: Salve for every soreness,
mender of every brokenness,
midwife of a better future:
ALL WE PRAISE YOU.

Leader: Ground of all being,
judge of all nations,
conscience of the universe,
ALL WE PRAISE YOU.

Leader: Maker, Redeemer,
confessor, companion,
befriender, inspirer,
God beyond all names,
ALL WE PRAISE YOU.

Song or Hymn

Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Because God is good,
and has intended us to share that goodness,
we open ourselves
to nothing less than transformation
as together we say:
ALL: HOLY GOD,
HOLY AND MIGHTY,
HOLY AND IMMORTAL
HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: You are the Word behind all words,
the calm at the core of the storm,
the energy that sustains creation.

You are present
in the pain behind the tears,
the laughter in the eyes,
the yearning in the heart.
All these you share,
yet your gift to us is much more.

So, open us up, Lord,
we whose lives are locked,
whose thoughts are well rehearsed,
whose prayer is predictable.

Open us up to depths we have not explored,
truths we have avoided,
paths we have not followed
beauty we have yet to admire.

And open us up to Jesus,
in whom all things are held together for God
and for our good.

ALL: AMEN.

Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us,
may God cause his face to shine on us.

ALL: MAY GOD'S PURPOSE
BE KNOWN ON EARTH,
GOD'S SAVING POWER
AMONG THE NATIONS

Leader: Let the people praise you O God;
let all the people praise you.

ALL: LET THE NATIONS REJOICE
WITH SHOUTS OF GLADNESS,
FOR YOU JUDGE HUMANITY WITH FAIRNESS.

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the people praise you.

ALL: MAY THE EARTH YIELD ITS HARVEST;
MAY GOD GRANT US ALL A BLESSING;
MAY THE WORLD STAND IN AWE
AND IN PRAISE OF ITS MAKER.

A reading from Holy Scripture

Reflection and/or Silence

Prayer of concern

Leader: Let us pray.

Because you, God, love the world,
because in Christ you walked it,
we dare to pray:

ALL: God, send your spirit;
RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH.

Leader: To connect the words of ancient scripture
to the life of the world today;
to let the urgent summons of Jesus
surpass our reticence to respond,
God, send your spirit:

ALL: RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH.

Leader: To awaken the minds of those in power
to the realities of those they govern;
to confront the arrogance of the privileged
with the vulnerability of the poor,
God, send your spirit

ALL: RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH.

Leader: To engage the fragile state of the planet
with those who carelessly abuse it;
to let the pain of those who are hurting
awaken the caring potential in the healthy,
God, send your spirit;

ALL: RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH

Leader: To eradicate the distance
between our convictions and commitments,
our potentials and our performance,
our prayers and our politics,
our faith and our discipleship,
God, send your spirit;

ALL: RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH.

Leader: Convince us, gracious God,
that matter matters

and that all is up for redemption.
And since in Jesus
you destined all to be changed and made new,
enable us to be agents of your purpose.
We pray in Jesus' name.
AMEN.

ALL:

Song or Hymn

Closing responses

Leader: Is it true that God loves the world?

ALL: AMEN.

THIS IS TRUE.

Leader: Is it true that God loves all people?

ALL: AMEN.

THIS IS TRUE.

Leader: Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

ALL: AMEN.

THIS IS TRUE.

Leader: Then let us go
as those whom God has called,
to bear witness to the love and justice of heaven,
to be beacons of light
and signs of transformation,
for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

ALL: AMEN.