

## GATHERING

### *OPENING SENTENCES*

1 Pet. 2:24

Leader: Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross  
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

**People: Blessed is the name of the Lord.**

### *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death on the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

### *PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

Holy One, our strength in suffering  
and our hope for salvation,  
lift up your Word of life  
and pour out your Spirit of grace  
so that we may follow faithfully all the way to the cross;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen .**

### *SCRIPTURE*

*Gospel Reading*

John 18:1–19:42

*\*Silence follows for reflection on the meaning of the scripture.*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### *THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION*

Beloved people of God,  
as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross  
to offer life and salvation to all,  
let us pray for the world that God loves so much.

Let us pray for the church throughout the world.

*\*Silent Prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.  
By your Holy Spirit, guide the church  
and gather it throughout the world.  
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,  
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen .

Let us pray for our presbytery and congregation.

*\*Silent Prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you created humanity so that all might long to know you  
and find peace in you.  
Grant that all may recognize signs of your love and grace  
in the world and in the lives of Christians,  
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen .

Let us pray for God's creation.

*\*Silent Prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you are the creator of a magnificent universe.  
Hold this world in the arms of your care,  
heal the damage we have done,  
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen .

Let us pray for the leaders and people of all nations.

*\*Silent Prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you are the champion of the poor and the oppressed.  
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority  
so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,  
and a share in the goodness of your creation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen** .

Let us pray for all who suffer or are in need.

*\*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart.

Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble  
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*The Lord's Prayer.....*

***SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS***

Leader: I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not invite me in,  
I was naked and you did not clothe me,  
I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me,  
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

People: **Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.**

**\*All depart in silence.**