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Opening Words

The God of heaven has made God's home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest of all creation lives among the least.

Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who thirst

and drink the water of life.

Come now all who hunger

and be filled with good things.

Come now all who seek

and be warmed by the fire of love.

Canticle – Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord all you earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness

and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;

the One who made us and to whom we belong;

we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Confession

Siblings in Christ, not out of dread and fear but believing that God is bountiful in mercy, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Silence

Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,

**soul behind all souls, in everything we touch,
in everyone we touch, in everyone we meet,
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.**

But when we have not touched but trample you in creation,
when we have not met but missed you in one another,
when we have not received but rejected you
in those who are different than ourselves,
forgive us and hear now our plea for mercy.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us.**

God is always the Creator and the re-Creator.

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who seek to renew their lives:

Your sins are forgiven, live in peace!

**Praise you O God for your love which is seen in all the earth,
Reaching out to us all, offering the world new birth. Amen.**

Poem

The Psalm

... at the end of the Psalm:

Glory to you Source of All Being

Eternal Word and Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
world without end, Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Mass of Restoration

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The Gospel

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Following the silence, a time of sharing.

Our Intercessions

Our spoken or silent intercessions are offered to God and before each other.

The Lord's Prayer (*Paraphrase by Jim Cotter*)

As beloved children of a loving Parent
we are bold to pray:

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and 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 the 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 that 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 for ever. Amen.**

Sending

This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
We will not offer to God
Offerings that cost us nothing.
Go in peace to love and serve;
We will seek peace and pursue it.
In the name of the Trinity of Love,
God in community, holy and one. Amen.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, this day and forever.

Amen