

Closing Prayer

Leader: Let us remember that we are in the Holy presence of God.

Hymn: “The Summons” *(or another appropriate hymn)*

Prayer *(together):*

Days pass, and the years vanish;
We walk sightless among miracles.
O God, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing,
let there be moments when your presence, like lighting,
illuminates the darkness in which we walk;
help us to see wherever we gaze
that the bush burns unconsumed.
Empower us, clay though we be,
to surrender into the Divine reality of ourselves and of all things.
Teach us to exclaim in wonder,
“How filled with awe is this place,”
and we did not know it.
We make our prayer through the intercession of Our Founder,
and through Christ, our Lord. Amen

(Prayer of the Jewish Tradition - adapted)

Sharing: You are invited now to share aloud a word or phrase or an idea that struck you from your reflection on Part II. What makes it so important to you? This can be done without comment or further explanation.



Psalm recited *(in choirs):*

1. God, you are my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
You are the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

2. When evildoers assail me,
Uttering slanders against me,
My adversaries and foes,
They shall stumble and fall.

1. Though an army encamps against me,
My heart will not fear.
Though war arise against me,
Yet I will be confident.

2. One thing have I asked of you, Yahweh,
This I seek:
To dwell in your house all the days of my life,
To behold your beauty,
And to contemplate on your Temple.

Response ALL: Yahweh's Love will last forever.
Pause

1, For you will hide me in your shelter
In the day of trouble,
You will conceal me
under the cover of your tent
And will set me high upon a rock.

2. And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies on every side.
I will offer in your tent
Sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to you.

1. Hear me when I cry aloud
Be gracious to me and answer me!

2. You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you, "Your face I do seek."

Response ALL: Yahweh's Love will last forever.

Pause

1. Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
You who have been my help.
Do not cast me off. Do not forsake me!
O God of my salvation!

2. Though my father and my mother forsake me,
You will still accept me.

1. Teach me your way, O God,
And lead me on a level path
Because of my enemies.

2. Give me not up to the will of my foes,
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And they breathe out violence.

Response ALL: Yahweh's Love will last forever.

Pause

1. I believe that I shall see
the goodness of Yahweh
in the land of the living.

2. Wait for Yahweh; be strong,
And let your heart take courage
Yes, wait for Yahweh.

Response ALL: Yahweh's Love will last forever.

Pause

Petitions - (*community members contribute petitions*)

Response: Deepen in us, O Lord, the spirit of faith

Leader: Our Father

Closing Prayer *(choirs):*

Give us, O Lord, we pray,
firm faith, unwavering hope,
and a passion for God's Kingdom of justice and peace.

Pour into our hearts
The spirit of wisdom and understanding;
The spirit of counsel and spiritual strength;
The spirit of knowledge and true compassion;

The spirit of wonder in all your works;
The spirit of faith and zeal in all our plans;
The spirit of mercy toward all we meet;
The spirit of your love for all your creatures.

Light eternal, shine in our hearts;
Power eternal, deliver us from evil;
Wisdom eternal, dispel the darkness of our ignorance;
Might eternal, have mercy on us;

Love eternal, draw us into you;
Truth eternal, enlarge our faith;
Life eternal, empower our zeal.

ALL: Grant that we may ever seek your face
with all our heart and soul and strength,
And in your infinite compassion,
bring us at last to the fullness of your presence
where we shall behold your glory and live your promised joys.
In your name, O Christ, we make our prayer. Amen.

(Celtic prayer - adapted)

Leader: Let us go in peace to share our faith by our love.

Response: Thanks be to God

Leader: Live Jesus, in our hearts.

Response: Forever.

