Morning Prayers (1)

Gathering
L: In the name of God,

 Creator and Lover of the world,
 we gather together.
 Peace be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

A Hymn may be sung

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

*(from Respecting Children, 2008)*

L: Loving God, we come before you

 in sorrow for our own wrongdoings,
 with sadness for the world’s pain.
 We ask your forgiveness…

 For hurting and not protecting

 Those who depend on us
 Lord, in your mercy,
***ALL: forgive us and heal us.***
L: For shouting at and not listening to
 those who surround us
 Lord, in your mercy,
***ALL: forgive us and heal us.***
L: For holding fast and not letting go

 of those entrusted to our care
 Lord, in your mercy,
***ALL: forgive us and heal us.***
L: May the God of love and power
 forgive us and free us

 from all we have done wrong,
 heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
 and raise us to new life in Christ.
***ALL: Amen.***

Bible Reading(s)

Silence for Reflection

Prayer for this Day

***ALL: Creating and redeeming God,
 source of goodness
 giver of healing
 sender of vision,
 touch all we do this day
 with the radiance and energy
 of your Holy Spirit.
 Keep our minds and hearts
 open enough to receive
 all the blessings of our work,
 all the wisdom of our companions,
 all the longings of your world.***

 ***Keep our minds and hearts
 attentive enough to grasp
 all the possibilities we need to find,
 all the voices we need to hear,
 all the people we need to encounter.***

 ***This is your day.
 We are your children.
 Bless us, we pray.
 Amen.***

The Lord’s Prayer

A Blessing