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