

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN *at close of day*

THE GATHERING

*(The People say the words in **bold** type.)*

The People Gather

The Gathering Prayer

Said in unison

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

The Gathering Hymn of Praise

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

* **you that stand by night in the house of the LORD,**

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD,

* **the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.**

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

As appointed

RESPONSE

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel of the Day

1. *What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day?*
(Reread the Gospel.)

2. *What is Jesus (the Gospel saying to you)?*
(Reread the Gospel.)

3. *What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?*

PRAYER

Lord, you now have set your servant free

***to go in peace as you have promised;**

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

***whom you have prepared for all the world to see**

A Light to enlighten the nations,

****and the glory of your people Israel.***

Prayers

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration,
Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACT S)

Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day and penitence for our sins be included.

Collects

This and/or other Collects, as appointed are said

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace: and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer