

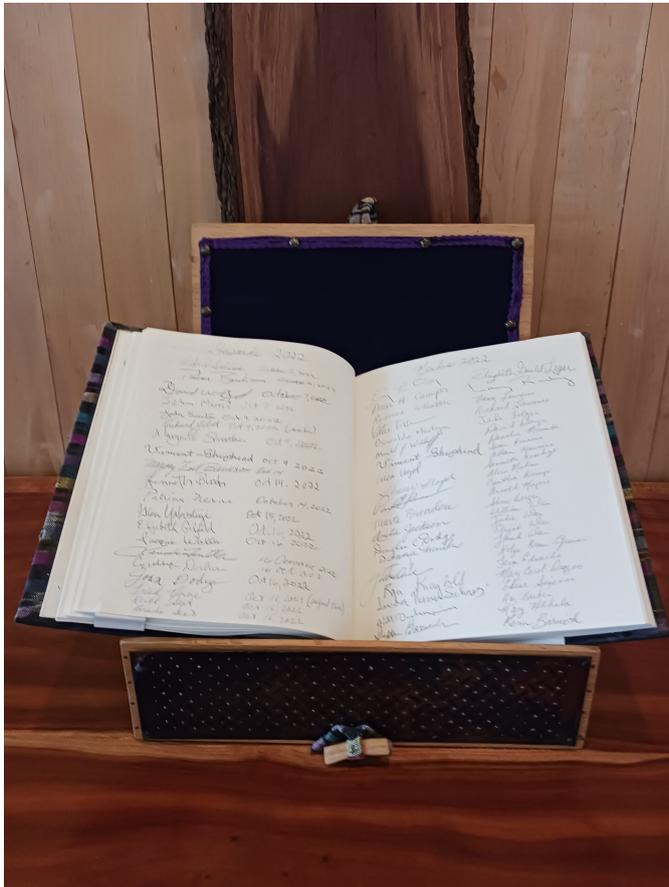
# 2023 Recommitment Liturgy: Seeing God in All This

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Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*, p 27-28

## **LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to this place to remember  
that God is everywhere,  
whether or not we are paying attention.

People: The Spirit is always in us and around us,  
loving us as we breathe in  
and as we breathe out.

Leader: In every moment, the Holy One  
makes and sustains the world around us,  
holding every creature and thing  
in a loving embrace.

People: In this moment, the Holy One makes and sustains the entire universe, holding every creature and thing in a loving embrace.

Leader: We come to remember that we are always in the presence of God, who chooses us now...and now...and now.

All: We come to commit to becoming what we already are, the risen, loving, holy Body of Christ, broken and poured out for the healing of the world.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **HYMN**

## **WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

## **CONFESSION**

Leader: Holy One, sometimes it is very hard to be aware of your presence within us and around us.

People: We become caught up in our thoughts and feelings and surroundings and our awareness of our true identity as your beloved slips away.

Leader: We forget our commitment to be your people and allow other priorities to take control.

People: Forgive us, Holy One.

Leader: Strengthen and nourish  
our awareness of your presence.

All: Help us to know how deeply you love us  
and to share that love  
with our broken world.

#### ASSURANCE

Leader: God's loving presence is always with us,  
ready to renew us and make us whole.

People: Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

#### INTERCESSION AND PETITION

#### COMMITMENT

All: O Holy One, we come today  
to claim our relationship with you.

We pray for the commitment to grow together,  
sharing the gifts you give us with others  
here and in the wider world.

Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted  
and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

Give us strength and discipline  
to nurture our relationship with you;  
to care for every part of your creation;  
to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need;  
to work to end all war, and violence, and discord;

and to respond joyfully when you call,  
freely giving our selves as you have shown the way.  
We open our hearts to you and your creation  
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

## **HYMN**

## **THE WORD**

## SCRIPTURE

## SERMON

## SILENT REFLECTION

## **OFFERING**

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## **COMMUNION**

## PREPARATION

Leader 1:                This is the table of the heavenly feast,  
the joyful celebration of the people of God.

Leader 2:                We gather now as one body, joined around the  
table.

united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once.

All:                        Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven, we make one circle

of knowing, believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1: Holy Ever-Present Creator, we give thanks  
for your presence in us, around us, and among us.

People: We give you thanks for Jesus the Christ,  
whose awareness of living in your presence  
challenges us to become aware and live as he did.

Leader 2: We give you thanks for your Holy Breath of Life,  
who maintains us in your presence,  
now...and now...and now.

All: We give you thanks for your Holy Church,  
a fragile, earthen vessel  
where we experience your presence.

## BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of  
life,  
to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Leader 2: Jesus said, I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall never hunger;  
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

Leader 1: On the night he gave himself up, Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,  
This is my body,  
broken for the healing of the world.



we give joyful thanks

for your eternal love and healing presence

in our celebration of bread and cup.

Bless this Body of Christ

that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants,

with each other and throughout the world. Amen.

### **SHARED REFLECTIONS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HYMN**

### ***BENEDICTION***

Leader:       As we leave this place,  
let us know with each breath we take  
that God is maintaining us in existence,  
loving us as we are,  
calling us to forgive and be forgiven,  
and to love, however imperfectly,  
now ... and now ... and now.

As committed parts of the Body of the Living Christ,  
let us greet all we meet with grace and peace.

People:               Amen.