

# After Pentecost 2008 – You Mean Us?

## GATHERING

## ENTRANCE

## REFLECTION

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

– Teresa of Avila



# CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gentle One, Holy Three,  
we come to bear witness to our faith.

People: We listen for you  
and hear your melodies in the air.

Leader: Holy Spirit,  
hear our heartfelt expressions of love.

All: Praise and worship fall from our lips to join your  
melody and rise in song to you, Divine Composer.

# INVOCATION

# HYMN

# WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

# SILENCE

# RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: O Holy One, our God,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: From the lips of children come words of praise.  
Many speak against you,

but you overcome their scorn with love.

Leader: When we think about your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you have set in  
place,

People: What are we that you are mindful of us,  
human beings that you care for us?

Leader: You made us stewards over the works of your hands;  
you laid the whole world out before us.

All: O Holy One, our God,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

## **COMMON CONFESSION**

Leader: I do not understand my own actions.

People: I do not do what I want; I do the very thing I hate.

Leader: I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

People: I do not do the good I want;  
the evil I do not want is what I do.

Leader: How can I be saved from the dilemma of being human?

All: How can I escape from this trap of my own making?

# INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE

Leader: The Holy One stands with us in our humanity;  
aids our escape from our traps;  
gives us the power to live the lives  
to which we have been called.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

### UNISON PRAYER

All: 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.

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**

**SHARED REFLECTIONS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: The world is waiting for us  
to take all the gifts God gives us,  
and bring in the good news of God's Shalom.

God can do it. We can help.

All: Amen!