

# A Eucharistic Liturgy for the Islands and Inlets



## The Community Gathers Before God

### Acclamation 1

*Leader:* In this time and place

we gather on the ancestral lands of the Esquimalt  
and Songhees peoples.

*All:* **From many places and peoples we come to this house  
in prayer.**

*Leader:* In this time and place

we are not alone  
for we meet in the presence of the living God.

*All:* **For we meet in the presence of the living God.**

*Leader:* In this time and place

we are not alone  
for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

*All:* **The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.**

*Leader:* In this time and space

we are not alone  
for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

*All:* **The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.**

*Leader:* In this time and space we are not alone

for we gather with the whole company of heaven.  
In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

*All:* **In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.**

*Adapted for the*

Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

“Embracing and Sharing God’s Love”

*Leader:* In this time and place  
together, one people in Jesus Christ.

*All:* **In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Or*

*Acclamation 2*

*Leader:* In this time and place  
we gather on the ancestral lands of the Esquimalt  
and Songhees peoples.

*All:* **From many places and peoples we come to this house in  
prayer.**

*Leader:* In this time and place  
we gather in the name of the living God.

*All:* **We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.**

*Leader:* In this time and place  
we gather with the community of faith around the globe  
and across the ages.

*All:* **In this time and place heaven and earth are one.**

*Leader:* In this time and place  
we are not alone, but one in Christ.

*All:* **Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.**

*Leader:* In this time and place  
Hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

*All:* **In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,  
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Or*

*Acclamation 3 (Four Directions)*

*Leader:* The night has now passed and the day  
lies open before us.

*All:* **Let us greet the beginning of a new week in Christ  
and acknowledge, with thanksgiving, the circle of life.**

*Facing East (towards the rising sun)*

*Leader:* O risen Christ

*All:* **the image of the invisible God,  
firstborn of all creation, in whom all things hold  
together,  
we welcome the radiance of your holy Presence.**

*Facing South*

*Leader:* O risen Christ

*All:* **In whom we live and move and have our being.  
We affirm the wonder of creation and a world of  
humbling needs.  
We welcome your Word to reveal paths of faith, hope  
and love.**

Facing West

Leader: O risen Christ

All: **Through whom the deep mystery of God is revealed  
and made known.  
We welcome the fresh winds of your Spirit to awaken  
us to your summons.**

Facing North

Leader: O risen Christ

All: **We stand as a people of the north and of these western  
isles.  
We commit ourselves once again to you,  
and call out our praise to you, our Creator and  
Sustainer.**

Facing the Cross

Leader: Let the earth rejoice. Let the multitude  
of the isles be glad.

All: **Let the earth sing out its praise.  
Rejoice together. Again I say rejoice.**

*(The Diocese of British Columbia encompasses the traditional lands of three First Nations Peoples (Kwakiutl, Nuu-chah-nulth and Coast Salish) which comprise more than forty bands. The Presider may add or substitute the name(s) of specific local First Nations bands; e.g. Namgis, Songhees, K'omox, Esquimalt, Nanoose, etc).*

**Glory to God** *(not used during Advent or Lent)*

Presider: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison** *(May be sung in three-fold, six-fold, or nine-fold form).*

**Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie eleison.**

*Or*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Trisagion

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.**

## Centreing Stillness

*Presider:* Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.  
(silence)

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* Let us pray.

## The Story of Our Faith is Proclaimed

### The Readings

#### Hebrew Scriptures

*Reader:* a reading from.....

*At the conclusion of the passage..*

*Reader:* Word of God. Word of Life.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm or Canticle

#### New Testament Letters

*Reader:* a reading from.....

*At the conclusion of the passage..*

*Reader:* Word of God. Word of Life.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel (*all stand*)

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to .....

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the passage..*

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon or Homily

## Affirming our Christian Narrative (Creedal Form)

### The Apostles' Creed

*Presider:* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

*All:* **I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Reader:* O God, who sent to us our Saviour, whose body is your Church, grant to all your faithful people your unity and your peace.  
*Add specific intercessions for the Church, followed by:*  
God of Love,  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* O God, whose Kingdom holds heaven and earth as one, grant to our leaders and all in authority your wisdom and your peace.  
*Add specific intercessions for all in authority and for this and every nation, followed by:*  
God of Love,  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* O God, who created this bountiful world, grant to all in danger or in want a full share in your abundance and your peace.

*Add specific intercessions for those in danger or in need, followed by:*

God of Love,  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* O God, whose Spirit comes among us to inspire and to restore, grant to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit your healing and your peace.

*Insert specific intercessions for the sick, followed by:*  
God of Love,  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* O God, who created this lovely world, grant to your people the desire, the knowledge and the determination to be proper stewards of the earth, that all may share in your bounty and your peace.  
*Insert specific intercessions for the physical world, followed by:*  
God of Love,  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* O God, who brings us the living water and leads us to eternal life, grant to the dying and those who mourn your comfort and your peace.  
*Insert specific intercessions for those who have died, are dying or who mourn, followed by:*  
God of Love,  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Leader:* Trusting in God's promises let us confess our sins:

*All:* **Jesus, forgive my sins.**

**Forgive the sins I can remember and the sins  
I have forgotten.**

**Forgive the wrongs I have done and the good  
I have failed to do.**

**Forgive the times when I have been weak  
in the face of temptation,  
and those when I have been stubborn  
in the face of correction.**

**Forgive the times when I have been overly proud,  
and those when I have failed to boast of your works.**

**Forgive the harsh judgments I have made,  
and the undue leniency I have shown.**

**Forgive the lies I have told and the truths  
I have avoided.**

**Forgive the pain I have caused,  
and the over-indulgence I have practiced.**

**Jesus have mercy on me, and make me whole.**

*(Adapted from the Early Irish from A Celtic Primer p. 95)*

*Priest:* Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will,  
and give you the joy of his kingdom

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles

"I leave you peace, my peace I give you."

The Peace of the Lord be with you always;

*All:* **and with your spirit.**

*Presider:* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## The Sacred Meal Is Shared

### Prayer over the Gifts

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a  
foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with  
good things. Teach us patience and hope as we care for  
all those in need until the coming of your Son, our  
Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*Presider:* God is here.

*People:* **The Spirit is with us.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts and minds.

*People:* **We lift them to God.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* Great Creator, with wit and wisdom

You formed the universe.

In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all:  
the midwife of transformation.

At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands,  
and all life came to be.

In you, all created things shared life with one another.

In ceremony and song, dance and art,  
these relationships were portrayed and honoured  
by the first peoples of these islands and inlets.

The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest,  
sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty.

When we turned from you,  
connections were broken and creation suffered.

Still, you continued to bring light from night,  
freedom from slavery, and life from death.

Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith  
and with your beloved creation we sing:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word:

Jesus born in poverty; a child refugee,  
a worker with his hands.

He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people.

He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain.

In vulnerability, he showed power over sin  
and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died,

he feasted with his companions.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it

and gave it to them saying:

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you,  
do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup

and when he had given thanks,

he gave it to his companions saying:

“Drink this, all of you;

this is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me”.

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

*All:* **Come, Source of life,  
Come, transforming Word,  
Come, Creator Spirit.**

*Presider:* With his sacred presence

unbounded by time and space,

we offer to you this bread and cup.

Send your Breath of Life, like wind,

blowing where it will, north, east, south and west.

May your Spirit brood over these gifts

and all who feast at this table offering  
a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.  
May all who share your abundant gifts  
be incorporated as one body and one holy people,  
joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death,  
and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things.  
Reveal the unity of your Church  
and the mystery of our communion  
with our holy forbearers and those yet to be born,  
that we may be guided in faith  
and walk gently on the earth.  
Glory and honour to you, Triune God,  
dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity,  
now and in all ages.

*All:* **Amen.**

*(The service continues with the Lord's Prayer page 20)*

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Presider:* God is here.

*People:* **The Spirit is with us.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts and minds.

*People:* **We lift them to God.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* Holy and eternal One,  
in whom we live and move and have our being.  
You are our origin and our fulfillment;  
we praise and thank you  
for drawing us to this sacred meal.

From the ocean of your primal love  
You fashioned the marvel of creation  
and beauty of human life.

From this land of towering forests  
and mist-laden coastlines,  
You humble us and affirm  
the sacred gift of all creation,  
calling us to care for everything given and received.

*All:* **Glory to you, source of all life.**

*Presider:* From the earliest days  
the peoples of these islands and inlets  
learned their dependence on your provision,  
salmon and deer, song and ceremony,  
dance and painted cedar  
hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.



*All:* **Glory to you, source of all life.**

*Presider:* In Jesus Christ, you came into our world  
to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself  
and make all things new in him.  
Now, gathered from many places, and  
joining with the saints of every time and place  
we raise our thankful voices  
in songs of unending praise.

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* Blessed are you, most holy One:  
for on the night before he died,  
Jesus took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke it, gave it to all gathered and said:  
"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup,  
gave you thanks and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the covenant  
which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

*All:* **"Behold, I am with you to the end of the age."**

Therefore, God of all creation,  
we lift this bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon us,  
that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread  
and follow him in lives of selfless service  
and courageous love.

*All:* **Glory to you, source of all life.**

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ,  
and bring us to that heavenly table,  
where every tear will be wiped away  
and we will feast anew.  
Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you,  
Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity,  
One God, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*(The service continues with the Lord's Prayer page 20 )*

## Eucharistic Prayer C

*Presider:* God is here.

*People:* **The Spirit is with us.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts and minds.

*People:* **We lift them to God.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,  
for you create all things and in you we live  
and move and have our being.  
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.  
You made us in your image.  
And even though we turn from you,  
again and again you call us to yourself  
and in every age, promise liberation.  
As a mother gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own,  
to nurture them in the ways of compassionate love.  
You sent Jesus among us,  
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.  
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation  
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us, Jesus suffered on the cross,  
died, and in rising again became the first born  
of the renewed family.  
And so we gather around your table  
with saints of every age and your beloved creation,  
we raise our voices and sing:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* To you be glory, almighty God,  
because on the night before he died Jesus took bread.  
When he had given thanks he broke it,  
gave it to his disciples and said:  
"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
Do this to remember me."  
After supper he took the cup.  
When he had given thanks he gave it to them and said:  
"Drink this all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
poured out for you and for many.  
Do this to remember me."  
Great is the mystery of faith.

*All:* **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Presider:* Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here  
and on these gifts of bread and wine,  
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.  
When all creation groans, unite us in Christ  
and give us your hope,  
that we might be strengthened to do your work  
as your body in the world.  
Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit,  
all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth, as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* He whose table was open to all  
is now present in this bread.  
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger  
offers friendship through this cup.

*All:* **With people everywhere we affirm  
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

*(Wild Goose Publishing)*

## Advent

*Presider:* He whose Mother dreamed of hope for the poor  
is now present with us in this bread.  
He who birthed dreams in the hearts of many  
is now present in this wine.

*People:* **May we live into God's dream of a new and just  
Society.**

## Christmas/Epiphany

*Presider:* He who was first held by Mary  
is held for us in the bread.  
He whose body lay in a manger  
is cradled in this cup.

*All:* **Creator of all,  
may we hold and cradle your son  
in our hearts always.**

## Lent

*Presider:* He whose cross is a sign of hope for many  
is now present in this bread.  
He whose death brings healing to our world  
is now present in this wine.

*All:* **Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.**

## Easter

*Presider:* The One who defeated death and injustice  
is now present in this bread.  
The One who offers our life promise and hope  
is now present in this wine.

*All:* **Breaking into our lives and community  
we ask God for new life in Christ.**

## Pentecost

*Presider:* Present in this bread is the fullness of God  
made vulnerable for the world.  
As the Spirit blows through our community,  
here in this wine God is poured out for us.

*All:* **Here and now in this bread and wine  
we taste and see God in us and in our community.**

## Thanksgiving

*Presider:* The hunger of the world is satisfied in this bread.

*All:* **May we feed this bread to all who hunger.**

*Presider:* The thirst of all humanity is quenched in this wine.

*All:* **May we satisfy this yearning in us and others.**

At any time of the year

*Presider:* Creator of all,

who summons the salmon

from the depths of the seas

to yearn for the place of their origin,

*All:* **so may your Spirit stir in our hearts  
to return and find our home in you.**

### **The Communion**

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*All:* **Glory to God,  
whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God, from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Or*

*Presider:* All your works praise you, O Lord,

**All: and your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body  
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**May we who share his body,  
live his risen life; we who drink his cup,  
bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights,**

**give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope \**  
**you have set before us so that we and**  
**all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Go forth from this place in the power of Christ.  
Encourage the faint-hearted;  
help the weak; be patient with those in need.  
See that none of you repays evil for evil;  
but always do good to one another and to all.  
Rejoice always;  
pray without ceasing;  
give thanks in all circumstances,  
and the God of peace will be with you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Or*

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Or

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his countenance to you  
and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal/Sending

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, Alleluia is added to the dismissal and the people's response.)*



## RESOURCES

### *Alternate Creedal Narratives:*

#### Nicene Creed

*Presider:* Let us confess our faith, as we say:

*All:* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or*

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

*Or*

Philippians 2: 6-11

**Presider:** Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**People:** **Though he was divine  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even death on the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus,  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*

*Or*

**All:** **We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.  
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.  
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.  
We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

*(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*

Or

Tirechan's (pr. Ti-rec-han's) Creed, 7<sup>th</sup> century

**Our God is the God of all humans,  
the God of heaven and earth,  
the God of seas and rivers,  
the God of sun and moon,  
the God of all heavenly bodies,  
the God of the lofty mountains,  
the God of the lowly valleys.  
God is above all the heavens;  
and beneath the heavens.  
Heaven and earth and sea,  
and everything in them,  
such God has as an abode.  
God inspires all things  
gives life to all things,  
stands above all things  
and stands beneath all things.  
God enlightens the light of the sun,  
strengthens the light of the night and the stars,  
makes wells in the arid land and  
dry islands in the sea,  
and places the stars in the service  
of the greater lights.**

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**And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,**

**and similar in all respects;  
neither is the Son younger nor older;  
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.  
And the Father and the Son and  
the Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen.**

*(from The Patrician Texts of the Book of Armagh AD 670)*

Advent Creed

**We believe in God:  
the Source of all things.  
The God of Abraham and Sarah.  
The Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt.  
The God who is steadfast in love and mercy.  
The God who made a straight path  
in the wilderness  
and who promises to make all things new.**

**We believe in Jesus:  
the Messiah, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us.  
He is King-of-Kings, yet born of Mary.  
Jesus showed God's love through  
healing and teaching.  
Jesus chose the way of servant-suffering**

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by dying on a cross.  
After three days he rose from the dead.  
He is the Lord, the first born of the new creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:  
the One who inspires faith:  
who has spoken through prophets and preachers  
and common people;  
the One who breathes new life into the church  
and the world;  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who is making all things new.

We believe that God is still creating.  
We believe that Jesus is present with us.  
We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth  
in love and mercy.  
This is our hope, this is our faith. Amen.

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