

Opening prayer: Almighty God, you are  
the same yesterday, today and forever.  
We thank you for keeping every promise  
that you make. We bring to you this  
morning, our hurts, scars and painful  
wounds that have been afflicted upon  
us - ministers to us this day O God



Pastoral prayer: Guide our Church, O Lord,  
into a new sense of what it means to be  
crucified for the world: to stop thinking  
about ourselves and think about our neighbors,  
to stop trying to be great through having and  
learn about being great through serving. Stir  
our imaginations to see the new world the  
prophets saw, and the new world Jesus saw,  
and let us recommit ourselves to that world  
in this present age: Not a world of hurry and  
hustle and make do and get by, but a  
world of slowing down and listening and  
caring and sharing and celebrating the one  
true faith, revealed in a cross and an empty  
tomb.

Embrace our visitors in your love. Lift  
the burdens of those whose hearts are  
heavy. Guide the lost back to the path.  
Touch with healing those who need it  
most and help us to rejoice today in  
your Word, in your presence, and in the  
privilege of worship, for this is a special  
place and a special hour, and we hope  
for a special encounter, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord —