

Opening prayer: Our God, for the assurance of your love, for the freshness of your mercy today, for your patience with us, we give thanks. May we hear your word in the spoken and written word so that we may worthily worship you. In Christ's name. Amen.

Postlustral prayer: Eternal God, grant us an awareness of the greatness of worship today. Help us to realize that we join all the company of heaven in worshipping you. More, help us to realize that we do not have to come to you, because you have already come to us.

While we may be different in our beliefs, grant us to see that we have a unity in the words you have fulfilled. We ~~want~~ want to ~~grow~~ be loved, and you have loved us. We want to be able to grow, not to be bound by what we are. We acknowledge that you love us as we are, but you also love us so that you will not let us stay as we are.

Thus, we yield our minds and our hearts to Christ, who loved even those who crucified him. In his precious name, we pray.