

Opening Prayer: Holy, holy, holy are you, O God.

Stars and planets, land and ocean,
atoms and galaxies—all that exists—
is filled with your glory.

We come to praise you, as the source of everything:
the breath that fills us with life,
the pulse that gives our hearts their pulse,
the love that makes our love more than passing affections.
Touch our hearts, our minds, our lips
with the purifying fire of your truth
that we with confidence may respond to your grace,
saying, "Here we are. Send us." Amen.

Postoral Prayer: O Christ, who was transfigured on the
mountain,
but who left the moment of glory to descend to the valley,
we recall this day how we must walk the way of
the cross.

Like Peter, we would prefer to stay on the summit
to build a shrine
to retreat to our choicest memories
to grace and glory and light.

Give us your ~~very~~ what you had: a faithful heart;
a heart ready to wrestle with pain and grief;
a heart brave enough to stand up to evil;
a heart gracious enough to give up ourselves for others;
a heart that trusts in the resurrection power of God.

Then our lives shall be transfigured,
and we shall seek no other glory.
Then what lies beyond the cross,
beyond our dying and our rising
to your everlasting love. Amen.