

Prelude

Welcome, Opening of the Word and Invocation

Hymn: Holy Holy Holy (#6)

Responsive Reading:

Leader: *We are here, O Lord.*

All: *Silent and listening, and longing to be filled with a new awareness of all our possibilities.*

Leader: *Silent and listening, but filled with the hope that You can enter into our lives and guide us.*

All: *In worship and prayers, we come to hear Your Holy Word, to ponder its insights,*

Leader: *and to celebrate the arrival of a new understanding of this life, that we may live in Your light.*

All: *With gratitude, we approach You so that we may rejoice in the community we may become.*

Leader: *Lord, we accept that You speak to us in the many levels of meaning within Your Word.*

All: *Open our hearts so that we may understand its truths. Amen.*

Opening Prayer (please kneel, said in unison)

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and you.

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

An Affirmation of Worship

We worship God, our loving Lord, who made us; who taught us in the Bible that all people are God's children, and that we should love God and each other. When people turned away from God, he loved us enough to be born in our world as a baby. He grew up and lived the life he wants us to live. Risen now, he is still with us, our Lord and our God, helping us to grow more like him. This is why we know him as our Savior. We are his disciples when we love him, and show our love for him by being kind and helpful to one another.

Readings: Secrets of Heaven 10252:5-6

Children's Message

Lectio Divina

Time of Reflection

Closing Prayer

Prayer of Gratitude
The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: Praise to the Lord (#503)

Benediction

Postlude

— *The End of Worship and the Beginning of Service* —