**HOPE**

**Gathering /opening prayers**

Let us pray.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

**fill the hearts of your faithful people,**

**and kindle in us the fire of your love;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

or

God is good

**all the time.**

All the time

**God is good.**

**Praise**

This is love, not that we loved God,

**but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins,

**that we might live through him.**

If God loves us so much

**we ought to love one another.**

If we love one another

**God lives in us.** cf 1 John 4.10-12

**Penitence**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin

and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,

we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**and/or**

God be gracious to us and bless us,

and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,

your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,

and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**The Peace**

Jesus says to his disciples,

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you. cf John 14.27

**or**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. cf Galatians 5.22,23

**Eucharistic Prayer**

And now we give you thanks

because he breathed upon his disciples

the power of your Spirit

to proclaim the good news to all peoples. cf John 20.21,22

**or**

And now we give you thanks

because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth,

and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations

and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

**or**

And now we give you thanks

for the hope to which you call us in your Son,

that following in the faith of all your saints,

we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

**Prayers after Communion**

**God of truth,**

**we have seen with our eyes**

**and touched with our hands the bread of life:**

**strengthen our faith**

**that we may grow in love for you**

**and for each other;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**or**

**Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;**

**and as you have fed us with the one bread of heaven,**

**so make us one in heart and mind,**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Blessings/Conclusions**

To a troubled world

**peace from Christ.**

To a searching world

**love from Christ.**

To a waiting world

**hope from Christ.**

**or**

Almighty God,

by your command time runs its course;

forgive our impatience, perfect our faith,

and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises,

grant us to have a good hope because of your word;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**and/or**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;

and the blessing …

**or**

The love of the Lord Jesus

draw you to himself,

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen you in his service,

the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;

and the blessing …