

Order for Opening a Synod Assembly

Bp. As in one body we have many members,
C. so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Bp. Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,
C. I am there among them.

Bp. Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness,
C. making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Bp. Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,
C. and for mutual upbuilding.

Bp. The Lord be with you.
C. And also with you.

Bp. Let us pray.
O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C. Amen.

Bp. I declare this assembly to be in session, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.