

Order for Opening an 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.

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C. And also with you.

Bp. Let us pray together,

C. O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make your ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bp. I declare this assembly closed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

Bp. Go in peace, share God's story, share your story. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

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