

Order for Opening a Synod Assembly

Bp. As there were many members in one body

C. so we, though many, are one body in Christ.

Bp. Where two or three are gathered in my name,

C. there am I in the midst of them.

Bp. I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, being humble and gentle, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

C. Let us pursue justice and peace, for mutual up building.

Bp. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

Bp. Let us pray.

Lord God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant that we, by your spirit, may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in his holy counsel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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Bp. The Lord be with you.

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, make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where we will 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. Like Good Stewards of all God's amazing gifts:

Serve the Lord with Joy,

Share God's story of Love in Christ Jesus, and

Be at Peace with one another.

C. Thanks be to God.