

## **Morning Prayer Contemporary Setting**

### **OPENING LITANY**

♪ **Come and Listen** by David Crowder led by the band

Come and listen  
Come to the water's edge  
All you who know and fear the Lord  
Come and listen  
Come to the water's edge  
All you who are thirsty come

### **Gathering Song**

*Here the worship leaders craft their own introduction and welcome to worship for the day. It is highly recommended that this introduction flows into the first song chosen for the gathering song, something to the effect of... "This morning our gathering song is In Christ Alone. From our first cry, to our final breath, in life and in death, it is in Christ alone that we find our true identity." As this is spoken, the band will begin to play. Please indicate for the congregation to rise.*

### ♪ **Gathering Song**

**Worship Leader 1 – We gather together for this time of praise, prayer, and word in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Worship Leader 2 – The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (And also with you.)**

**Let us pray.**

### **MORNING PSALMODY**

♪ *The assembly sings* **Not to Us** by Chris Tomlin led by the band.

Chorus:

Not to us, but to Your Name be the glory  
Not to us, but to Your Name be the glory

Verse 1

The cross before me the world behind  
No turning back, raise the banner high  
It's not for me, it's all for You

Let the heavens shake and split the sky  
Let the people clap their hands and cry  
It's not for us, it's all for You

Verse 2

Our hearts unfold before Your throne  
The only place for those who know  
It's not for us, It's all for You

Send Your holy fire on this offering  
Let our worship burn for the world to see  
It's not for us, It's all for You

→*The assembly may sit.*

## **PSALM**

*The worship leaders introduce the psalm according to how the psalm will be read for the day. Please use something to the effect of: "Our psalm today is Psalm 148. The leaders will read the odd verses aloud and the assembly will respond with the even numbered verses."*

*After the Psalm is finished, allow 10-15 seconds of silence. Continue with the psalm prayer. The Psalm prayer can be found in the ELW Leader's Desk Edition or on the G Drive under Student Committees – Chapel – Worship Resources – ELW Psalm Prayers.*

**\*\*Psalm Prayer**

## **HYMN TO ILLUMINE GOD'S WORD**

🎵 *The assembly sings **Word of God Speak** by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley prior to the scripture lesson appointed for the day.*

Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see  
Your majesty

To be still and know  
That You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness  
Word of God speak

### **READING**

*The scripture appointed for the day is read.*

*The reading concludes with*

**Word for God, Word of Life**

Thanks be to God.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Worship leaders are to craft their own prayers for intercessions following this model. An introduction to prayer is suggested below, or use your own. Please continue after the song with prayers of intercession **without response from the assembly** until the end. The assembly will then sing the chorus again to close the prayers.*

**With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. We prepare ourselves for prayer and sing...**

♪ Verse

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come and make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus

Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
(repeat)

*Prayers may conclude with the following or similar words:*

**Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

*After the conclusion of the prayer, the assembly sings the chorus again*

Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another

### **LORD'S PRAYER –**

**Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:**

*Use the traditional or contemporary version of the Lord's prayer...*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

**Let us speak the blessing together to one another.**

**Go now,**  
to live lives filled with laughter and with pain, knowing that God is with us in the dark and in the light in our abundance and in our emptiness in every moment of our lives.

Amen.

## **SENDING SONG**

### **♪ Sending Song**

*After the sending song the assembly departs sharing signs of peace with one another.*