

Leader - have your grow close their eyes in prayer as you read this liturgy.

**Leader:**

So we are gathered here,  
Uniquely in all of history, we particular  
people in this singular time and place.

Accomplish your purposes among us, O God.

Tune our hearts to the voice of your Spirit.  
Wake us to be present to you and to one  
another in these shared hours we are given.  
For it is you, O Lord, who have  
so gathered us from our various places,  
and you alone who know our hearts  
and our needs.

Among us are some who arrive anxious, some  
who are lonely, some who suffer pain or sorrow.  
May we in our joys find grace to enter the  
sorrows of others.

Among us are some who arrive rejoicing,  
hearts made light by good news, good health,  
glad anticipation.  
May we in our sorrows find grace to embrace  
the joys of others.

Let us prize these moments  
and care for one another deeply  
- for each of us,  
and our relationships to one another,  
are precious and fleeting,  
are precious and eternal.

Breathe upon our gathering, O Spirit of God.  
Grant each of us a place to humbly receive and  
to faithfully serve, that we might know in this  
brief gathering a foretaste of that greater  
communion yet to come.

O Father, enlarge our hearts.  
O Spirit, expand our vision.  
O Christ, establish your kingdom among us.  
Be at work even now, O Lord.  
May your will, in us, in these hours,  
Be accomplished.

Amen.

