The Holy One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

**It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.**

God,

you never promised us that the way would be clear.

You have, however,

created us in your image -
the image of One who is Wisdom,
who is Love,
who is Courage.

You breathed your life into us
with the assurance that we have,
within and around us,
everything we need to be your faithful people.

Though we sometimes act in disregard
for your call on our collective life,
still you show up with and for us, relentlessly.

And so,

we join with all the saints who have gone before
in gratitude for your abiding presence:
Please be seated. The pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.

And so,

in remembrance of Christ with us,
and in the assurance of your Love persistent,
we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church
in the service of your healing work
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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