

Call to Reconciliation

Fretful, agitated, and longing...

...anger, hurt, and sin so we can find our rest.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for you. We are trained to be extremely productive, and so create our harried, stress-filled lives.

Forgive us, Shalom Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions, so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship but into our rest with you.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

...to have lives of faithful obedience.

This is the good news: God forgives us and takes our burdens from us. We would let go of them and welcome hope, joy, and grace into our lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who invites us to rest in the heart of the Trinity.

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People of God, give thanks to the One who offers you rest.

We bring our thanksgiving to God, who sings to us of peace.

...With those who have found their rest in you,
with those who long for their burdens to be lifted,
we join in singing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of the weary.
All creation celebrates your name in all
generations.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who yokes himself to us.
Hosanna in the highest!**

...As we remember his life and his rest in you,
as we celebrate the good news of lightened burdens,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ came, that we may have life;
Christ died, so that the burden of death might be
lifted from us;
Christ was raised to new life, so grace might be
revealed to every generation;
Christ will return, to yoke us to God through all
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...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God in Community, Holy in One.

Amen.

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