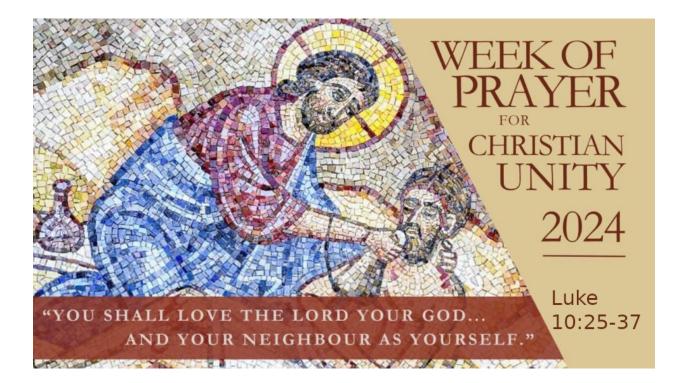
An Ecumenical Christian Prayer Service

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I. GATHERING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Worship leaders join in the procession while a hymn is sung or music is played.

A. Entrance

LEADER: Blessed be the entrance of Your holy ones always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

ASSEMBLY: Amen.

LEADER:

Wisdom. Arise.

1. "Come let us worship"

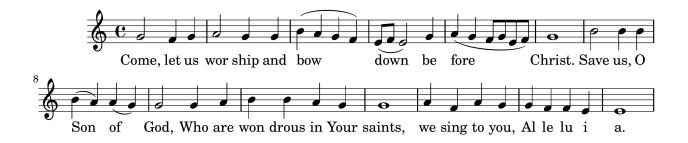
The Entrance Hymn, or Eisodikon, is chanted by all.

CHANTER:

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God, Who is wondrous in Your saints.

We sing to You, Alleluia.



II. INVITATION TO PRAY

LEADER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ASSEMBLY: Amen.

LEADER: We are gathered as brothers and sisters to pray for the visible unity of Christians. At the heart of our worship is the story of the Good Samaritan where we hear the divine call to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Let us prepare to meet the God of Love in thanks giving and joy, remembering his command to love.

ASSEMBLY:

Glory to you, Father, for you reveal yourself in your creation and call all people to live in your presence.

Glory to you, Christ Jesus, for you give yourself entirely to each one of us and invite us to do the same.

Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you gather us together in love and unity.

Glory to you, God of Love, in whom we are created, redeemed and made one.

Amen.

Lord, I have cried. A. Invitational Hymns **Mode 1.** *Pa*=*D*. Diatonic D e 0 You; Lord, I have cried to hear me. Hear Õ Lord. You; me, Lord, I have cried to hear U D of Give to the voice my sup - plime. heed U F tion I са when cry to D Õ You. Lord. Hear me. Hear me, Let my prayer. **Mode 1.** *Pa=D*. Diatonic D U D to be prayer set forth fore Let my be the lift - ing You as in cense, up F 2 0 0 of sac - ri my hands as the eve - ning fice. D Õ Hear Lord. Hear me. me,

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III. LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

PASTOR ROBB: Let us turn our hearts to God in praise:

Praise to you Lord for you have poured out your love into our hearts so that we never lose hope. You free our lives from fear because of your love, and dress our wounded and injured hearts. Praise to you for all the women and men who sow seeds of love and hope for their neighbours around the world.

ASSEMBLY: Lord, we praise you.

PASTOR ROBB: Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus your Son, the Redeemer of all people. Thanks be to you for the grace of conversion and all the seeds of faith, hope and charity among your people and everywhere. Thanks be to you for the faith we received from the apostles, for Jesus' prayer for unity, and for the gift of the Good News of salvation.

ASSEMBLY: Lord, we thank you.

PASTOR ROBB: God of love, we adore you for the generosity of your love for all people – a love so perfect, it is beyond our understanding; a love in which there is no distinction on grounds of race, gender or social status. We adore you, who out of love sent your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world and continue to fill our lives with your love through the Holy Spirit.

ASSEMBLY: Lord, we adore you.

IV. PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

LEADER: We come before you now, O God, to confess our sins:

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: By seeking happiness without God and ignoring the command to love, we have turned away from God and from our neighbour. Our selfishness and our desire to possess and control separate us from God.

Silence

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: Merciful God:

ASSEMBLY: forgive and heal us.

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: When we accept ideologies that demean the humanity of others, we build walls of division, sow the seeds of hatred and violence and abandon the Lord's command to love one another.

Silence

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: Merciful God:

ASSEMBLY: forgive and heal us.

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: We have hardened our hearts and deceived ourselves.

In our lack of compassion, we no longer see Jesus in those who are different from ourselves.

Silence

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: Merciful God:

ASSEMBLY: forgive and heal us.

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: We fail to open our hearts and minds to the infinite and unconditional nature of God's love for all. By being closed to this love, the world is darkened by selfishness, violence, indifference and absence of meaning.

Silence

FR. JOHN TOMOSO: Merciful God:

ASSEMBLY: forgive and heal us.

LEADER: God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem all creation, we ask you to have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and transform us by your Holy Spirit.

ASSEMBLY: Glory to God, whom we praise with one voice.

V. TRISAGION HYMN

'Thrice holy'—one of the most ancient of Christian prayers. It is sung frequently in the worship of churches of both the East and the West. Some traditions hold that it was first exclaimed by Nicodemus as he removed the body of Jesus from the Cross.

CHANTER LEADS THE ASSEMBLY:



Mode 1. *Pa=D*.

VI. THE READINGS

A. Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1-8

CHAPLAIN ELAINE MORIN:

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on –since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

B. Responsorial Psalm

 $Psalm\ 138$

CHAPLAIN ELAINE MORIN:

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

ASSEMBLY: On the day I called, you answered me.

CHAPLAIN ELAINE MORIN:

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

ASSEMBLY: On the day I called, you answered me.

CHAPLAIN ELAINE MORIN:

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

ASSEMBLY: On the day I called, you answered me.

CHAPLAIN ELAINE MORIN:

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

ASSEMBLY: On the day I called, you answered me.

CHAPLAIN ELAINE MORIN: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

ASSEMBLY: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

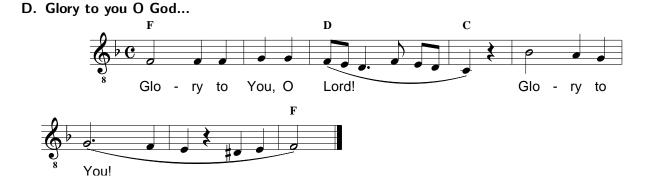
C. Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

PASTOR JOHN CREWE:

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher", he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live".

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend'. Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy". Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise".



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1. "They'll know we are Christians"

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Text: 13 13 14 with refrain; Peter Scholtes, 1938-2009.

Music: ST. BRENDAN'S; Peter Scholtes; keyboard acc. by John Strege, b. 1945.

VII. SERMON / HOMILY

Homily offered by REV. MSGR. TERRANCE A.M. WATANABE

Followed by a moment of silence.

VIII. LITANIES & PRAYERS

A. Affirmation of Love

Antiphones inspired by 1 Cor 13

Read antiphonally, with one half of the congregation reading the first part of each stanza and the other half reading the second.

Right:

I may speak in the languages of people and angels, but if I lack love, I am simply a resonant metal, a loud cymbal.

Left:

I may have the gift of prophecy, understanding of all mystery and all knowledge; I may have the fullest faith, that moves mountains; but if I lack love, I am nothing.

Right:

I may distribute all my goods to hungry people, I may even deliver my body to the flames, but if I lack love, I gain nothing.

Left:

Love demands patience. Love serves. It does not walk away. It is not jealous. It does not brag. It does not seek its own interest. It is not irritable. It does not hold a grudge.

Right:

Love does not celebrate injustice, but finds its joy in the truth. It excuses all. It believes all. It hopes for all. It endures all.

Left:

Love has no end. Prophecies? They will finish. Tongues? They will come to an end. Knowledge? It will pass.

ASSEMBLY:

Faith, hope and love continue. The greatest of these is love.

1. "We are many parts"



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B. Prayers of Intercession

LEADER: We have been invited to live the divine call to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. As we renew our commitment to this call, may this love strengthen our unity as Christians.

PASTOR ROXANNE:

With all our hearts, we desire to dwell in God's love and to have the grace to love our neighbours as ourselves.

God of boundless love, we pray that all people may come to know your unlimited mercy and believe in your desire to fill us with your infinite love.

ASSEMBLY: Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

PASTOR ROXANNE:

We join our prayers to that of Jesus, who prayed for the unity of all who follow him.

God of communion, we pray that we may work together for your greater glory and spread the Good News of salvation for all.

ASSEMBLY: Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

PASTOR ROXANNE:

Our hearts are broken because of the confusion and division in our world.

God, our healer, we who are scattered like sheep without a shepherd, ask you to gather us into one fold. Enliven us by your Spirit and send us again, two by two, to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

ASSEMBLY: Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

PASTOR ROXANNE:

Our world is scarred by terror and violence. Millions are forced to leave their homes in search of refuge and safety.

God of welcome, grant us the grace to risk embracing the stranger, tending their wounds and standing in solidarity with them. Strengthen our resolve to be kind and merciful and to act towards our sisters and brothers at all times as you do towards us.

ASSEMBLY: Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

PASTOR ROXANNE:

In our weakness and fear we know that we often pass by on the other side, turning away from those who need our help.

God of power, despite our lack of charity, open our hearts to experience the length, width, height and depth of your love, so that we may love you more and love our neighbour as ourselves.

ASSEMBLY: Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

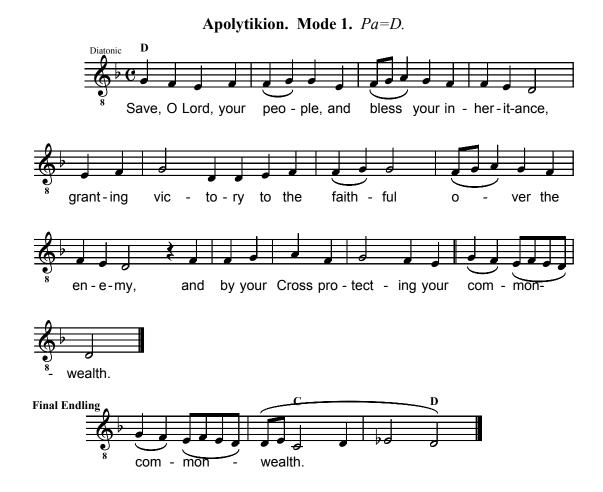
C. The Lord's Prayer

LEADER: As children of the one God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

ASSEMBLY:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

1. Apolytikion Hymn



D. Closing Prayer

ASSEMBLY:

Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one, we pray to you for the unity of all Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.¹

E. Sending

The calabash or container of water is brought forward and held up before the congregation, as the leader says:

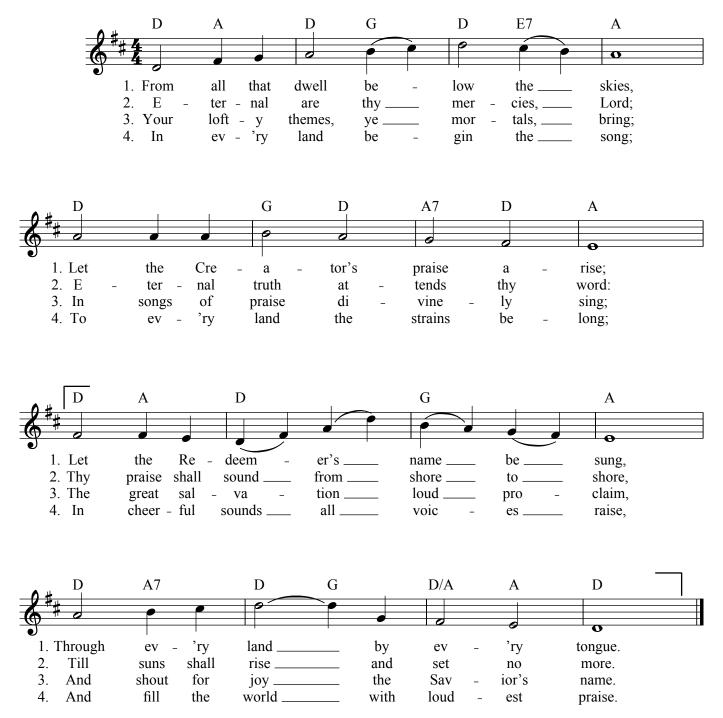
LEADER: Refreshed by the water of life, let us go forth to love God, and to love our neighbour as ourselves, united in Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit.

ASSEMBLY: Everything we can do together, let's do it! Amen!

 $^{^1}$ Daily Prayer for Christian Unity of the Chemin Neuf Community.

1. "From all that dwell below the skies"

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