

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God for the gift of this time together.

Silence may be kept.

A THANKSGIVING FOR THE GATHERING (Steward Guardian)

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for calling us together as the Community of the Mother of Jesus.

For the days we have shared,
for the prayers we have prayed,
for the meals we have eaten,
for the laughter and the fellowship,
for the work accomplished and the questions left before us,
for the wisdom spoken and the wisdom discovered in silence:

We give you thanks, O God.

For the grace of belonging to one another;
for those who have encouraged us, challenged us, forgiven us,
and reminded us that we do not walk this way alone:

We give you thanks, O God.

For Mary, Mother of Jesus,
whose “yes” teaches us to receive God's call
and whose journey teaches us to follow where Christ leads:

We give you thanks, O God.

For the gift of our community,
for our common prayer and our common life,
for the work entrusted to us,
and for the neighbors whom God places in our path:

We give you thanks, O God.

For the vows by which we seek to follow Christ—
for Justice, Tenderness, Humility, and Contemplation,

**We give you thanks, O God,
and ask for grace to live them faithfully.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR JOURNEY (Steward of Prayer)

Let us pray for one another as we prepare to depart.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ traveled the roads of Galilee
and walked with his disciples along the way,
go with us now as we leave this place.

Keep us mindful that our gathering does not end with our departure.
Carry with us the prayers we have prayed,
the wisdom we have received,
the forgiveness we have offered,
and the love we have shared.

**Walk with us, O Lord,
and make us instruments of your peace.**

As we return to our homes, our parishes, our ministries,
and the people whom you have entrusted to our care,
give us eyes to see the neighbor in need,
ears to hear the cry of the lowly,
hearts ready to offer tenderness,
and courage to seek justice.

**Walk with us, O Lord,
and make us faithful servants.**

When the work is difficult, give us humility.
When the way is uncertain, give us trust.
When we are weary, give us rest.
When we are distracted, draw us again into contemplation.
And when we forget whose work this is,
remind us that we belong to Christ.

**Walk with us, O Lord,
and keep us faithful to our calling.**

PRAYERS FOR SAFE TRAVEL (Steward of Service)

Let us pray.

O God, our companion upon every road,
watch over all who travel from this place.

Guide those who drive,
those who fly,
those who ride,
and those whose journeys are long or difficult.

Keep us alert and patient.
Protect us from danger and harm.
Give us favorable weather and safe passage.
Bring us home in peace,
and bring us safely to those who await us.

And wherever our journeys take us,
remind us that we never travel alone,
for Christ goes before us,
Christ walks beside us,
and Christ receives us when we arrive.

**Into your hands, O God,
we commend our journeys and our lives.**

We pray also for those who could not be with us this week:
especially for those who are sick or struggling,
for those who are grieving,
for those who long to belong,
and for all who need the prayers of this community.

Silence

May the blessing of this gathering
continue in each of us
until we meet again.

THE SENDING (Director of Vocations)

Siblings in Christ,
we have gathered in the presence of God.
We have prayed, listened, worked, rested, and rejoiced together.

Now we are sent again into the world.

Go in the spirit of Justice:
to stand beside the neighbor who is in need.

Go in Tenderness:
to love the people God places before you.

Go in Humility:
trusting that God's work is greater than our own.

Go in Contemplation:
abiding in the love of God wherever you are.

And wherever the road leads,
remember the words of Mary:

Do whatever he tells you.

THE FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL (Founder)

May the God who called us together
keep us one in love.

May Christ, who walks beside us on every road,
guide our feet in the way of peace.

May the Holy Spirit,
who breathes life into the Church and into this community,
give us courage for the work that lies ahead.

And may Almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and those we love,
guard us in our going out and our coming in,
and keep us faithful to Christ
now and always.

Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.