

## Opening prayer

God, we recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples. Gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal Jesus extended the bread and cup to each. Jesus called them to love one another. We are humbled, honored and inspired by the deep love Christ extended to the world, and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today. Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it, with love and compassion for each creature and all of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

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