

Sankofa Devotions

Gathering Music: “Rise Up in the Morning” (based on Bach’s “Sleepers Awake”
performed by the Modern Jazz Quartet

L: We remember our call, O God + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
[silence]

C: With your followers of old, we know “It is good for us to be here!”

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

C: *And grant us your salvation.*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth

Let your way be known upon earth,
Your saving health among the nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Prayer of the Day: We thank you, O God,
for all the people back home who serve our parishes
with such devotion that our Lord Jesus could say
he builds his Church on them! May we, with them,
build up the Body of Christ, to be a community of wisdom
and compassion, hospitality and hope,
for the sake of our wounded world, the world you love so much. AMEN.

The Lessons: Micah 6:8: the gist of the prophets’ social conscience
Luke 7:34, John 15:12ff: Jesus’ “open friendship”
Romans 15:1-2, 5-9: welcoming others...
Some thoughts on Jesus’ “open friendship” and “the color line”

The Sankofa Dialogue/Litany

Hymn #389 ELW: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing