L: Leader, P: People

L: In the name of God the Father,

P: The King of Creation who made mankind in His own image and likeness.

L: In the name of God the Son,

P: The Redeemer and Life of the world.

L: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,


L: Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in Our likeness.”

(Genesis 1:26)

P: Teach us, O God our Maker, to see our abilities as a gift from You.

L: Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. (Romans 5:12)

P: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

L: Repent, then, and turn to God, so your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. (Acts 3:19)

P: Father, forgive us when we fail to do Your will. Cleanse our hearts from all sin. Refresh us with Your loving kindness and mercy.

L: Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (Romans 6:3)

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P: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of God the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

L: Fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

All: For there is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. (Ephesians 4:4-5)

L: Renew us in the spirit of our minds, and clothe us with the new self, which was created according to Your likeness in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:23-24)

P: May You, the God of steadfastness and encouragement, help us live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together we may with one voice glorify You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6)

L: Live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers and sisters, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called. (1Peter 3:8-9)

P: There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

L: Stir up Your power, Lord, and come into our lives with Your peace. Help us be bearers of Your love, compassion and mercy to our neighbors and people of all abilities.

All: Amen