

Reaffirming our Baptism

In our Baptism, we were named
children of God,
ministers of Christ,
people of the Covenant:
called, commissioned, beloved.

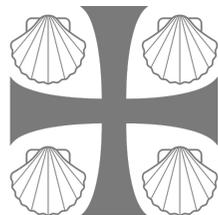
Today, we reaffirm our Covenant relationship with God, each
other and the whole creation, and our responsibility to live as
Christ's disciples in the world.

May the God who brought us to new birth through water and
the Spirit, keep us faithful to Christ.

*Each takes some of the water and makes the sign of the cross on their
foreheads.*

I remember that I am baptized and am thankful.

We go in peace:
to love and serve the Lord. Amen.



COMPANIONS OF BARNABAS
a missional community in the Wesleyan tradition

© SE McBratney, OSL, TMCP, Companions of Barnabas



WESLEYAN
WAY OF LIFE
COMMUNITY

Invocation

Gathering around a table on which are placed a candle, a cross and a small bowl of water.

God of life and light,
who has been with us throughout this day/week:
we give you thanks for
Christ our Light.

Now let your grace shine upon us,
that we, with all your people,
may live in the light of your
eternal love, now and always. **Amen.**

OSL Evening Prayer

The candle is lit.

This or some other hymn or song may be sung.

**O joyful, joyful light,
from heaven's pure glory,
great gift of the Father,
Jesus Christ, all holy.**

**As the sun begins to set
the evening light we see,
Praise to you, our God,
forever One in Three.**

Worthy are you, worthy are you
All voices shall agree,
O Giver of all Life,
Creation's glory.

*A version of Phos Hilaron (SE McBratney)
Tune: Thuma Mina (adapted)*

A reading from Scripture.

Thanksgiving

Psalm or Song

This or some other may be said.

O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-3

There may follow a time of open prayer, to name those experiences or encounters that provoked thanksgiving over the past day or week. For Community gatherings, this may include offering thanks for the gift of the other members

The Lord's Prayer

Recollection

A time of testimony follows, recalling the day or week has been lived and sharing reflections on becoming aware of God's presence in each experience. For Community gatherings, this may involve only some members sharing. It is important that those sharing feel listened to and supported, and it may be appropriate to pray with and for each after they share.

It may be helpful to focus on one aspect of a personal or Community Rule of Life. The Methodist Way of Life is available as an example.

Confession

God was in Christ,
reconciling the world to himself.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8-9*

Before you and all the company of heaven, let us confess our sins.

*There may follow a time of open confession or quiet contemplation.
Members may end their confession with the Jesus Prayer:*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner. **Amen.**

The time of confession ends with:

This is the gospel: not that we love, but that God first loved us.
Let each of us hear Christ's words:
Your sins are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Commission

In this final act, we prepare for the day or week ahead. This may include prayers of intercession for ongoing situations of concern.

For Community gatherings, it is important that the group commits to some joint action for the transformation of the community around. Take time to think, pray and plan.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

As far as we are able, with God's help:

WORSHIP

- We will pray daily.
- We will worship with others regularly.
- We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world.

LEARNING AND CARING

- We will care for ourselves and those around us.
- We will learn more about our faith.
- We will practise hospitality and generosity.

SERVICE

- We will help people in our communities and beyond.
- We will care for creation and all God's gifts.
- We will challenge injustice.

EVANGELISM

- We will speak of the love of God.
- We will live in a way that draws others to Jesus.
- We will share our faith with others.

May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the transformation of the world.