Prayers of the Gathered Community:

**Leader:** Even as we are gathered into a community of love, there are those who need to know the love of God. Pray for the lonely and all who need community, either silently or aloud.

Our communities have loved us and shaped us into who we are. We give thanks for those communities that we name, either silently or aloud.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Now let us pray the words that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.