**Closing Liturgy** *Adapted from Common Worship*

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us

***All***   **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

 *Officiant* The Lord is my light and my salvation:
 my God shall make my darkness to be bright.
 The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
***All***   **and also with you.**

*Officiant* Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

 to you be glory and praise for ever.

 In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts

 to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

 in the face of Jesus Christ.

 Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,

 that freed from the misery of sin and shame

 we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

 Blessed be the Undivided and Holy Trinity, one God.

***All* Blessed be God for ever.**

*Officiant* That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,

 let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Officiant* As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,

 so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts

 and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever.

***All***    **Amen.**

**Reading** *Ephesians 4:11-16 The Message***7-13**But that doesn’t mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. The text for this is,

He climbed the high mountain,
He captured the enemy and seized the plunder,
He handed it all out in gifts to the people.

Is it not true that the One who climbed up also climbed down, down to the valley of earth? And the One who climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ’s followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ’s body, the church, until we’re all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God’s Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

**14-16**No prolonged infancies among us, please. We’ll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are easy prey for predators. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

***Reader*** The Word of the Lord. ***All***  Thanks be to God.

 *Somos el cuerpo de Cristo* [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HDC1NYwlag*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HDC1NYwlag) **The Magnificat**

***All***   **You have scattered the proud in their conceit,**

**and lifted up the lowly.**

1    My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  ♦

you have looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2    From this day all generations will call me blessed;  ♦

you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.

3   You have mercy on those who fear you,  ♦

from generation to generation.

4   You have shown strength of your arm  ♦

and have scattered the proud in their conceit,

5    You cast down the mighty from their thrones  ♦

and lifting up the lowly.

6    You have filled the hungry with good things  ♦

and sent the rich away empty.

7    You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  ♦

to remember your promise of mercy,

8    The promise made to our ancestors,  ♦

to Abraham and his children for ever. *Luke1.46-55*

***All***   **Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***All***   **You have scattered the proud in their conceit,**

**and lifted up the lowly.**

**Prayers**

O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**Amen.**
**The Lord’s Prayer***Officiant*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

***All***  **Our Father in heaven …**

**The Conclusion**

***All***   **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.***Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. ***All***    **Thanks be to God.**