**Liturgy: Unconditional Love**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. *1 John 4:*7

0 God, let our mouths proclaim your praise. **Let our hearts rejoice in your goodness.**

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our God for ever and ever. Amen**

Open our hearts and minds that we can look forward to the day when we can look back and behold with wonder the things we have learned in this time of transition.

**Let your love give us courage and your wisdom inspire us as we continue on this journey of discovery and transformation.**

*Silent reflection concluded with:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

## Amen. All that the Lord has said we will do.

*Canticle: A Song of God's Love (said together or responsively)*

**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.**

***1 John 4:7-11***

**In this the love of God was revealed among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much, let us love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.**

**All Glory to the Loving One, Source of our being, Eternal ·word and Life-Giving Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# Lord's Prayer from New Zealand Prayerbook

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life, giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,**

 **Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, you are the loving heart of the universe in whom we live and move and have our being. You are the source of all that was, and is and will be; you are the fount of all wisdom and knowledge. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to understand and hearts to hold your love that we may know that we are one with you and all the love in the universe.

**Amen.**

Set that loving star which never sets, the risen light of Christ, in our hearts that together we will walk in your presence with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, Following our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Benediction

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. *1 John 4.10*

**Blessed be God the source of all love.**

# Canticle: A Song of Ezekiel (said together or responsively)

**I will take you from among all nations;**

**and gather you from all lands to bring you home.**

**I will sprinkle clean water upon you;**

**and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.**

**A new heart I will give you**

**and a new spirit put within you.**

**I will take the stone heart from your chest and give you a heart of flesh.**

**I will help you walk in my laws**

**and cherish my commandments and do them.**

**You shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

# Blessing

*Ezekiel 36:24-28*

Almighty God the source of all love,

grant you that sustaining joy which none can take from you, that comes from knowing that you have a place in God's heart, with love to share, a work to do, and a life to live.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the love at our beginning and at our end, be with you and all those whom you love now and forever.

## Amen.

Go in peace to love and enjoy the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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