

Focus on God

Candle Lighting

Evening Prayer

**God, all through this day you have watched over me on the streets of my busy schedule, nourished me with blessings that I cannot count.**

**And still your faithfulness does not sleep nor slumber, but continues even when the sun goes down. What a blessing to dwell in your presence! In your presence, I lay down today's burden and take rest.**

**In your presence, may I rise to hear your voice. Amen.**

Colossians 1

**<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

The Word of God

**The Word of Life**

## Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God. In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation, calling forth light and life. Through wisdom, you formed us in your image, calling us to love and serve you. Foolishly we turned from you and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy. Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call us and claim us as your own. We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us. We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock. We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise. We worshiped idols of our own making, and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you. At last you emptied yourself of power and came to us as the child of Mary, holy God in frail and human flesh.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Song

Blessing