

We Gather

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“Glory to God,” *Songs of Celebration CD*, track 8.

Procession and Gloria

Leader: *Let us pray.
Make the Sign of the Cross together.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: *God, our Father, you alone are holy. You give us life and all good things. Help us be grateful children who always remember your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Gloria

Leader: *God, our loving Father, we are gathered here in your presence as one. We praise you for your goodness and thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Send us your Holy Spirit to help us live as your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Every Sunday, we come together as God’s people to praise him and to give him thanks for all the wonderful things he has done. Today we do the same, offering prayers of praise and thanksgiving.*

Leader: *Lord Jesus, you came to gather all people into the peace of your Father’s kingdom.*

All: *(Sing) Glory to God in the highest.*

Leader: *Lord Jesus, you came to bring us new life.*

All: *(Sing) Glory to God in the highest.*

Leader: *Lord Jesus, you came to save us.*

All: *(Sing) Glory to God in the highest.*

Leader: *Let us give praise and thanks to God.*

All: *(Sing) Glory to God in the highest.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Read Acts 2:42–47.*

Leader: *The word of the Lord*

All: *Thanks be to God.
Sit silently.*

Reflection

- What most impresses you about the early Christian community?

Closing Prayer

Leader: *Loving God, we praise and thank you for the Gifts of your Holy Spirit. Help us to act in ways that show your gifts to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

