

# WEEK of PRAYER

for CHRISTIAN UNITY  
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# SEMAINE de PRIÈRE

pour L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS  
2021

*"Abide in my love and you  
shall bear much fruit"*

(Jn 15:5-9)

*« Demeurez dans mon  
amour et vous porterez  
du fruit en abondance »*

(Jn 15,5-9)

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## ***Livestream Celebration for the Week of Prayer 2021***

**Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. CST**

*Livestreaming and music to begin at approximately 7:20 p.m.*

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Ministers assisting in this ecumenical livestream celebration:

Reader 1	Amelia Pahl	
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Presider	Reverend Robert Polz	
Accompanist	Deacon Michèle Barr	
Cantor	Bénédicte LeMaître	

# Order of the Celebration

*“Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”*

*(cf. Jn 15:5-9)*

L: Leader (Presider)  
C: Congregation  
R1: Reader 1  
R2: Reader 2  
R3: Reader 3

## PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION

*The livestream will begin about ten minutes before the formal beginning of the celebration.*

*Suitable instrumental music may be played during this time.*

*Before the presider and readers enter the worship space, the cantor may sing the following song which is aptly related to the theme for this year’s Week of Prayer:*

*Abide in Me, and I in you (see pages 19-20 for the full text and music)*

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

### Entrance Hymn

*A hymn invoking the Holy Spirit is sung as the presider and assisting readers enter the worship space and proceed to their chairs near the altar in the sanctuary (chancel).*



### *If You Believe and I Believe*

**If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God’s people free,  
and set God’s people free, and set God’s people free;  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God’s people free.**

Text: Zimbabwean traditional  
Tune: Zimbabwean traditional; adapt. of English traditional; as taught by Tarasai;  
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## Word of Welcome

L May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

- R1 Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
 this year the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,  
 chosen by the sisters of the Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland, is:  
 “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”.
- R2 It is the great desire of God, expressed by Jesus,  
 that we might come to him and abide in him.  
 He waits for us tirelessly, hoping that, united to him in love,  
 we will bear fruit that will bring life to all.  
 Faced with the difference of ‘the other’, we risk withdrawing into ourselves  
 and seeing only that which separates us.  
 But let us listen to how Christ calls us to abide in his love, and so bear much fruit.
- R3 In the three moments of prayer that follow,  
 we remember the call of Christ, we turn to his love,  
 to him who is the centre of our life.  
 For the path of unity begins in our intimate relationship with God.  
 Abiding in his love strengthens the desire to seek unity and reconciliation with others.  
 God opens us up to those who are different from us.  
 This is an important fruit, a gift of healing  
 for the divisions within us, between us, and in the world.
- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
 Lord, you are the vinedresser who cares for us with love.  
 You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine,  
 the beauty of each person.  
 And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid.  
 We withdraw into ourselves.  
 Our trust in you is forsaken.  
 Enmity develops between us.  
 Come and direct our hearts toward you once again.  
 Grant us to live from your forgiveness  
 so that we may be together and praise your name.

## **Litany of praise**

- R3 You who call us to be praise in the midst of the earth: glory to you!
- C You who call us to be praise in the midst of the earth: glory to you!**
- R1 We sing your praise in the midst of the world and among all peoples,
- R2 We sing your praise in the midst of creation and among all creatures.

**C** You who call us to be praise in the midst of the earth: glory to you!

R1 We sing your praise among suffering and tears,

R2 We sing your praise among promises and achievements.

**C** You who call us to be praise in the midst of the earth: glory to you!

R1 We sing your praise in the places of conflict and misunderstanding;

R2 We sing your praise in the places of encounter and reconciliation.

**C** You who call us to be praise in the midst of the earth: glory to you!

R1 We sing your praise in the midst of rifts and divisions,

R2 We sing your praise in the midst of life and death,  
the birth of a new heaven and a new earth.

**C** You who call us to be praise in the midst of the earth: glory to you!

## FIRST VIGIL

### Abiding in Christ: The unity of the whole person

**Psalm:** 103.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "The Lord is merciful and gracious." The chords are: C, F/A, C/G, F/C, C, F, G7, C, F/C, C7, F, Dm, E, Dm7/F, G, C, F, G7, and D.C. (Da Capo).

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*Cantor:* The Lord is merciful and gracious.

*Response:* **The Lord is merciful and gracious.**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my **soul**,  
and all that is within me, bless his **holy** name.

<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my **soul**,  
and do not forget all **his** benefits. R.

3 It is the Lord who forgives all your in-**iquity**,  
who heals all your **dis**-eases,  
4 who redeems your life from the **Pit**,  
who crowns you with steadfast love **and** mercy. R.

6 The Lord works vindi-**cation**  
and justice for all who are **op**-pressed.  
7 He made known his ways to **Moses**,  
his acts to the people **of** Israel. R.

8 The Lord is merciful and **gracious**,  
slow to anger and abounding in stead-**fast** love.  
10 He does not deal with us according to our **sins**,  
nor repay us according to our **in**-iquities. R.

11 For as the heavens are high above the **earth**,  
so great is his steadfast love towards those **who** fear him.  
12 as far as the east is from the **west**,  
so far he removes our transgressions **from** us. R.

13 As a father has compassion for his **children**,  
so the Lord has compassion for those **who** fear him.  
14 For he knows how we were **made**;  
he remembers that we **are** dust. R.

15 As for mortals, their days are like **grass**;  
they flourish like a flower **of\_the** field;  
16 for the wind passes over it, and it is **gone**,  
and its place knows it **no** more. R.

17 The steadfast love of the **Lord**  
is from everlasting to everlasting on those **who** fear\_him,  
and his righteousness to children's **children**,  
18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his **com**-mandments. R.

19 The Lord has established his throne in the **heavens**,  
and his kingdom rules **over** all.  
20 Bless the Lord, O you his **Angels**,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his **spoken** word. R.

21 Bless the Lord, all his **hosts**,  
his ministers that do **his** will.  
22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his do-**minion**.  
Bless the Lord, O **my** soul. R.

**Reading:** John 15:1-17

*Proclaimed by Presider*

L The Lord be with you.

**C And with your spirit.**

L A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.

2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.

Every branch that bears fruit

he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

3 You have already been cleansed

by the word that I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself

unless it abides in the vine,

neither can you unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit,

because apart from me you can do nothing.

6 Whoever does not abide in me

is thrown away like a branch and withers;

such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,

ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 My Father is glorified by this,

that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

9 “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;

abide in my love.

10 If you keep my commandments,

you will abide in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments

and abide in his love.

11 I have said these things to you

so that my joy may be in you,

and that your joy may be complete.

12 “This my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 No one has greater love than this,

to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
 15 I do not call you servants any longer,  
 because the servant does not know what the master is doing;  
 but I have called you friends,  
 because I have made known to you  
 everything that I have heard from my Father.  
 16 You did not choose me but I chose you.  
 And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,  
 so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.  
 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Response:** Ubi caritas

**Ubi caritas Deus ibi est**

$\text{♩} = 58$

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ubi caritas Deus ibi est'. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 58. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**♩** Where there is char-i-ty, self-less love, Where there is char-i-ty, God—is tru-ly there. / **Ten, kur gai-les-tis** ir mei-lè, ten, kur gai-les-tis, Die-vasten y-ra. /  
 いづくしあ-いの あるところか-みとむに

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**Short silence** (*approximately 1 minute*)

**Intercessions**

R3 The joy of our heart is in God.

**C The joy of our heart is in God.**

R1 God of love, through Christ you said to us:  
 “You did not choose me but I chose you”.  
 You seek us, you invite us to receive your friendship and abide in it.  
 Teach us to respond more deeply to this invitation,  
 and grow in a life that is ever more complete.

**C The joy of our heart is in God.**

R2 God of life, you call us to be praise in the midst of the world  
and to welcome one another as a gift of your grace.  
May your loving gaze, which rests upon each person,  
open us to receive each other just as we are.

**C The joy of our heart is in God.**

R1 God who gathers, you knit us together as one vine in your Son Jesus.  
May your loving Spirit abide in us at parish meetings and local ecumenical gatherings.  
Grant that together we might celebrate you with joy.

**C The joy of our heart is in God.**

R2 God of the one vineyard, you call us to abide in your love in all we do and say.  
Touched by your goodness, grant us to be  
a reflection of that love in our homes and workplaces.  
May we pave the way for bridging rivalries and overcoming tensions.

**C The joy of our heart is in God.**

**Action: A TIME OF SILENCE**

L Very often we think of prayer as something we do, an activity of our own.  
In this short time we are invited to an interior silence,  
and to turn aside from all the noise and concerns of our lives and thoughts.  
In this silence the action belongs to God.  
We are simply called to abide in God's love, to rest in him.

**Silence** (*approximately 5 minutes*)

**Hymn: Lumière de Dieu (Light of God)**

T+M : Grandchamp

**Lumière de Dieu**

1. Lu miè - re de Dieu,	in - on - de la ter - re,
2. Komm, gött - li - ches Licht,	er - leuch - te die Er - de,
3. Come light, light of God,	give light to cre - a - tion,
4. O god - de - lijk licht	kom on - der ons wo - nen,
5. Ó luz do Senh - or	que vens so - bre a ter - ra
6. Kom, Gud, med ditt ljus,	och ge - nom - lys värl - den,
7. Za - plav ce - lou zem,	svě - tlo Bo - ží tvá - ře,
8. Mwa - nga - za wa Mungu,	u - ja - za un - do - go,

  

1. vi - si - te nos cœurs et	de - meure a - vec nous.
2. er - füll' un - sre Her - zen,	nimm Woh - nung in uns.
3. en - light - en our hearts and	re - main with your world.
4. door - dring de - ze aar - de,	daal neer in ons hart.
5. in - on - da meu ser, per -	ma - ne - ce em nós.
6. och fyll vå - ra hjär - tan,	med när - va - ron din.
7. vej - di do srd - cí a	zů - stá - vej u nás.
8. tembe - le - a mioyo yetu,	na u - ka - e na - si.

## SECOND VIGIL

### The visible unity of Christians

**Psalm:** 85.1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

- R1    <sup>1</sup>     Lord, you were favourable to your land;  
          you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
      <sup>2</sup>     You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
          you pardoned all their sin.  
      <sup>3</sup>     You withdrew all your wrath;  
          you turned from your hot anger.
- R2    <sup>4</sup>     Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
          and put away your indignation towards us.  
      <sup>5</sup>     Will you be angry with us for ever?  
          Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- R3    <sup>6</sup>     Will you not revive us again,  
          so that your people may rejoice in you?  
      <sup>7</sup>     Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
          and grant us your salvation.
- R1    <sup>8</sup>     Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
          for he will speak peace to his people,  
          to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
      <sup>9</sup>     Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
          that his glory may dwell in our land.
- R2    <sup>10</sup>    Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
          righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
      <sup>11</sup>    Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
          and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- R3    <sup>12</sup>    The Lord will give what is good,  
          and our land will yield its increase.  
      <sup>13</sup>    Righteousness will go before him,  
          and will make a path for his steps.

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13a

*Proclaimed by Reader 1*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you be in agreement  
and that there be no divisions among you,  
but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.  
11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people  
that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.  
12 What I mean is that each of you says,  
"I belong to Paul,"  
or "I belong to Apollos,"  
or "I belong to Cephas,"  
or "I belong to Christ."  
13 Has Christ been divided?

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Response:** There is One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

T : Eph. 4  
M : J. Berthier

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music covers the lyrics 'There is one Lord one faith, one bap - ti - sm ;'. The second line of music covers the lyrics 'there is one God who is Fa - ther of all.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**Short silence** (*approximately 1 minute*)

## Intercessions

[Taizé 10]

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e - le-i -son

*Cantor:* Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.

*Response:* **Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

L Holy Spirit, you create and re-create the church in all places.  
Come and whisper in our hearts the prayer  
which Jesus addressed to his Father on the eve of his passion:  
“that they may all be one ... so that the world may believe”.

**C Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

R1 Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, light the fire of your love in us  
so that suspicions, contempt and misunderstanding cease in the church.  
May the walls that separate us fall.

**C Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

R2 Holy Spirit, Consoler of all, open our hearts  
to forgiveness and reconciliation and bring us back from our wanderings.

**C Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

R1 Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, give us poverty of spirit  
so that we may welcome the unexpectedness of your grace.

**C Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

R2 Holy Spirit, you never abandon the men, women and children  
who are persecuted for their fidelity to the gospel.  
Give them strength and courage, and support those who help them.

**C Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

## Action: SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

L The Lord calls us to be united among ourselves.  
He gives us his peace and invites us to share it.  
[With a simple bow,]  
let us exchange a sign of his peace with our neighbours.

*Everyone turns to those near them and offers a sign of peace, in keeping with their local context.*

## Hymn: Lumière de Dieu (Light of God)

*see hymn given at the end of the First Vigil on page 9*

## THIRD VIGIL

### The unity of all peoples and all creation

Psalm: 96.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9+10ac, 11-12, 13

Capo 3

As - crite to the Lord glo - ry and strength.

D.C.

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*Cantor:* Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

*Response:* **Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

- 1 O sing to the Lord **a** new song;  
sing to the Lord, **all** the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, **bles**s his name;  
tell of his salvation from **day** to day. R.
- 3 Declare his glory a-**mong** the nations,  
his marvellous works a-**mong** **all** the peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly **to** be praised;  
he is to be revered a-**bove** all gods. R.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families **of** the peoples,  
 ascribe to the Lord **glory** and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory **due** his name;  
 bring an offering, and come **into** his courts. R.

9 Worship the Lord in **ho**-ly splendour;  
 tremble before him, **all** the earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The **Lord** is king!  
 He will judge the **peoples** with equity." R.

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the **earth** rejoice;  
 let the sea roar, and **all** that fills it;  
 12 let the field exult, and every-**thing** in it.  
 Then shall all the trees of the forest **sing** for joy. R.

13 Rejoice before the Lord; for **he** is coming,  
 for he is coming to **judge** the earth.  
 He will judge the **world** with righteousness,  
 and the peoples **with** his truth. R.

## Lecture : Apocalypse 7, 9-12

*Proclaimed by Reader 2*

Lecture de l'Apocalypse de saint Jean

9 Après cela, j'ai vu :  
 et voici une foule immense, que nul ne pouvait dénombrer,  
 une foule de toutes nations, tribus, peuples et langues.  
 Ils se tenaient debout devant le Trône et devant l'Agneau,  
 vêtus de robes blanches, avec des palmes à la main.

10 Et ils s'écriaient d'une voix forte :  
 « Le salut appartient à notre Dieu qui siège sur le Trône et à l'Agneau ! »

11 Tous les anges se tenaient debout autour du Trône,  
 autour des Anciens et des quatre Vivants ;  
 se jetant devant le Trône, face contre terre,  
 ils se prosternèrent devant Dieu.

12 Et ils disaient : « Amen ! Louange, gloire, sagesse et action de grâce,  
 honneur, puissance et force  
 à notre Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles ! Amen ! »

Parole du Seigneur.

**C Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

English version of the passage from the Apocalypse of Saint John:

*A reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-12)*

<sup>9</sup> *After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.*

<sup>10</sup> *They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'*

<sup>11</sup> *And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,*

<sup>12</sup> *singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'*

*The word of the Lord.*

**Response:** O you who are beyond all things

**Ô toi l'au-delà de tout**

O toi, l'au-de-là de tout, quel es-prit peut te sai-sir? Tous les ê-tres te cé-lè-brent, le dé-sir de tous a-spi-re ver-toi. O

(You who are beyond all things, what mind can grasp you? All that lives celebrates you; the desire of all reaches out towards you. / Oh tú, el más allá de todo, ¿qué espíritu puede comprenderte? Todos los seres te celebran, el deseo de todos aspira a ti. / Tu che sei oltre ogni cosa, chi potrà mai afferrarti? Ogni creatura ti onora; verso te i desideri di tutti. / O du, der alles überragt, wie kann unser Verstand dich schauen? Jedes Wesen jubelt dir zu; allen gemeinsam ist die Sehnsucht nach dir. / Tyś jest ponad wszystko, jakież duch Cię ogarnie? Wszystkie stworzenia wystawiają Ciebie, wszyscy Ciebie pragną. S. Grégoire de Nazianze)

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## Optional homily

**Short silence** (*approximately 1 minute*)

### Intercessions

R3 God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

**C God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!**

R1 God of life, you have created every human being in your image and likeness.  
We sing your praise for the gift  
of our many cultures, expressions of faith, traditions and ethnicities.  
Grant us the courage always to stand against injustice and hatred  
based on race, class, gender, religion, and fear of those not like ourselves.

**C God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!**

R2 Merciful God, you have shown us in Christ that we are one in you.  
Teach us to use this gift in the world  
so that believers of all faiths in every country  
may be able to listen to each other and live in peace.

**C God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!**

R1 O Jesus, you came into the world and shared fully in our humanity.  
You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways.  
May the Spirit of compassion move us  
to share our time, life and goods with all those in need.

**C God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!**

R2 Holy Spirit, you hear the fury of your wounded creation  
and the cries of those already suffering from climate change.  
Guide us toward new behaviours.  
May we learn to live in harmony as part of your creation.

**C God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!**

**Action: MOVING TO THE CENTRE ...  
AND OUT TO THE WORLD**

*inspired by a text of Dorotheus of Gaza*

- L We are called to be ministers of God's healing and reconciling love.  
This work can only be fruitful when we abide in God,  
as branches of the true vine which is Jesus Christ.  
As we come closer to God we draw closer to one another.  
Imagine a circle drawn on the ground.  
Imagine that this circle is the world.

*Then the designated persons (i.e. presider and readers), wearing their face masks and holding unlit candles, move forward down the stairs from the sanctuary (chancel) to form a large circle around the central candle.*

- L The centre of this circle represents God,  
and the paths to the centre are different ways people live.  
When people living in this world,  
desiring to draw closer to God,  
walk toward the centre of the circle ...

*The persons take several small steps toward the centre.*

- L ... to the extent that they move closer to the centre, to God,  
they move closer to one another.  
And the closer they come to one another ...

*The persons move to the centre together.*

- L ... the closer they come to God.

*When the designated persons bearing candles reach the centre, they each light their candle from the central candle.*

*Then, as they stand together in a circle holding their lit candles (and keeping adequate space according to pandemic protocols), they all join in a time of prayer in silence.*

**Short Silence** (*approximately 1 minute*)

# The Lord's Prayer

L With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

**C 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.**

**Hymn:** *Lumière de Dieu (Light of God)*

*see hymn given at the end of the First Vigil on page 9*

*During the singing those holding lit candles leave the circle and return up the stairs to their places in the sanctuary (chancel) near the altar.*

*After the singing is completed, the designated reader continues as follows:*

R3 Spirituality and solidarity are inseparably linked.  
Prayer and action belong together.  
When we abide in Christ,  
we receive the Spirit of courage and wisdom  
to act against all injustice and oppression.  
We say together:

**C Pray and work that God may reign.  
Throughout your day  
let the Word of God breathe life into work and rest.  
Maintain inner silence in all things  
so as to dwell in Christ.  
Be filled with the spirit of the Beatitudes:  
joy, simplicity, mercy.**

*These words are recited daily by the Sisters of the Grandchamp Community.*

## Blessing

- L Be one, so that the world may believe!  
Abide in his love, go into the world and bear the fruits of this love.
- C **May the God of hope fill us with all joy and all peace in faith,  
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Final hymn

*Abide in Me, and I in you (see back page for the text with music)*

- Refrain (Chorus):*     **Abide in Me, and I in you,  
As the branch cannot bear fruit  
Of itself unless  
It abides in the vine,  
So neither can you  
Unless you abide in Me.**
1.     **I am the vine,  
You are the branches,  
He who abides in Me and I in him.  
He bears much fruit  
For apart from Me you can do nothing. R.**
  2.     **If you abide in Me and my words abide in you  
Ask whatever you will and it will be done for you.  
When we abide in the Lord and let His words abide in us,  
We actually are one with Him as He works within us.  
Then when we ask in prayer for whatever we will  
It is not only we who are praying  
He too is praying, in our praying.  
This kind of prayer is related to fruit bearing  
and will surely be answered. R.**
  3.     **You did not choose Me, but I chose you and I set you.  
That you should go forth and bear fruit,  
And that your fruit should remain,  
That whatever you ask the Father in my name,  
He may give you. R.**

*As circumstances suggest, Verse 1 and the refrain may be repeated at the end.*

**Abide in Me, and I in you**  
Experience of Christ—Abiding in Him

(C) A - bide in Me, and I in you, As the branch can - not bear fruit Of it - self un - less It a -

bides in the vine, So nei - ther can you Un - less you a - bide in Me.

1. I am the vine, You are the branch - es, He who a - bides in

Me and I in him. He bears much fruit For a - part from Me you can do noth - ing.

**Chorus**

(C) A - bide in Me, and I in you, As the branch can - not bear fruit Of it -

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