



METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD

OPENING OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Friday in the Third Week of Easter 🕸 9:45 am

DIALOGUE

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As in one body we have many members, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord, **I am there among them.**

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace, and for mutual upbuilding.

SONG



READING ₩ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-13

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection follows.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

I declare this special meeting of the assembly to be in session in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** SONG

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