**Growing Together**

**Prayer and Liturgy Resources**

**A Prayer for Growing Together**

*For use as the collect at the conclusion of the Prayers of Intercession, or as appropriate at other places in the liturgy, or at other times, including personal prayer.*

God, our Father,
you call us by your Spirit
to Grow Together in your Son;
make us one in heart and mind,
generous in giving,
faithful in serving,
and bold in proclaiming
the hope of a world made new;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

**Dismissal Rite**

*The service should end with a ‘sending-out’ hymn which calls us to take what we have been given into the world. Depending on the layout of the church, during the hymn the procession of choir/clergy might go to the church door or the font. The service should then end with the ‘dismissal rite’ (response, blessing, dismissal), with nothing else to follow.*

*Following the final hymn:*

*Response*

To a troubled world

**peace from Christ.**

To a searching world

**love from Christ.**

To a waiting world

**hope from Christ.**

*Blessing*

May the Spirit of God be in you,

wisdom and understanding keep you,

the power of God encircle you,

God's truth lead you into freedom;

and the blessing of God, almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Dismissal*

Go in peace to share the Gospel of the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

(*or, in Eastertide:*

Go in peace to share the Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**)

*OR*

Go in peace to walk in the Way of the Lord.
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

(*or, in Eastertide:*

Go in peace to walk in the Way of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**)

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