

**Invocation, Chalice Lighting Words, and Benediction**  
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**INVOCATION**

This morning is a gift not of our making, and the dawn's new light is a summons to be greeted with gratitude and thanksgiving. We give thanks that we can:

See the forms of creation,  
Hear the call of creation,  
Smell the fragrances of creation,  
Taste the sweetness of creation,  
And touch the warmth of creation.

We give thanks for the lives we've been given; for the love that graces our days; and for the chance to assist in creation's unfolding.

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

We light this Chalice to remember a truth,  
Consecrated through the ages by the service and sacrifice  
Of individuals and communities:  
There abides a unity and freedom of the Spirit,  
Expressed through a love for all souls.

**BENEDICTION**

Be not afraid. And seeing there is naught to fear, and bearing witness to what can never die, go forth into the world in peace.

Be of good courage.  
Search all things  
And hold fast to that which is good.  
Render unto no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the faint-hearted.  
Support the weak.  
Help the afflicted.  
Love all men, love all women, love all children,  
Love all souls.  
Serving the Most High.  
And rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.