

## Gathering together at the end of our retreat day

We bring to God our hopes and dreams and possibilities,  
all that is true gift, and we offer it.

Leader: Gloria in excelsis Deo      **All: Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Silence

**Gifted God,  
cut to the centre of our busy emptiness  
that we may let go all our anxious creations  
and with open, empty hands  
receive your calling-gift;  
hold us in your gaze of love  
where we are seen and known as gift,  
original blessing,  
children of light.                      Amen.**



The Gift Bearer, Jake Lever

*Opening music:* Canon in D Major, J Pachelbel played by Craig Ogden

*(Please all join in saying words in bold)*

O God who reaches out to us,  
circle our hearts,  
centre our minds,  
still our bodies,  
be present to us now.  
**Amen.**

O God you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul is athirst for you.

**My flesh also faints for you,  
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

**Your loving kindness is better than life itself  
and so my lips shall praise you.**

I will bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name

Psalm 63

**To you we come, radiant Lord,  
the goal of our desiring,  
beyond all earthly beauty;  
gentle protector, strong deliverer,  
in the night you are our confidence;  
from first light be our joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Examen

Take a few minutes to look back over the day....

Where today have you experienced God's love? Give thanks.

Become aware of one thing that stands out to you from today,  
perhaps a moment when you were moved,  
perhaps something that spoke deeply to you,  
perhaps something that feels uncomfortable.

Wait in openness. What is God showing you through this  
experience? Talk with God.

Is there anything you want to ask God to give you as you look  
forward?

*Music:* Hallelujah, Leonard Cohen, played by Craig Ogden.

Giving thanks together – an opportunity to mention something  
you have been thankful for today.

We bring to God all that we try to hold, all that fills  
our hands, all that is not true gift, and we let it go.

Kyrie Eleison                      **Kyrie Eleison**

We bring to God all that is shallow, hollow and  
empty, all that is not true gift, and we let it go.

Christe Eleison                      **Christe Eleison**

We bring to God all that we vainly strive to be, our  
ambition and image, all that is not true gift, and we  
let it go.

Kyrie Eleison                      **Kyrie Eleison**

And because we are loved, we bring to God all the  
fragments of light in us, all that is true gift, and we  
offer it.

Gloria in excelsis Deo              **Gloria in excelsis Deo**

We bring to God all that is deep, true and connected in us,  
all that is true gift, and we offer it.

Gloria in excelsis Deo              **Gloria in excelsis Deo**