**Alternative Texts**

**Prayers Before Worship**

O Lord, open our lips,

 **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Almighty and everlasting God,

you desire that your children worship you

in spirit and in truth:

grant to us the guidance of your Holy Spirit

that we may serve you in your house

with praise and prayer,

proclaiming your Word,

serving at your Table,

and leading your people in the offering of thanksgiving and praise that is due to you from all creation.

So may we go forth into this new week

restored in mind and spirit,

rejoicing evermore in your love

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy God,

who appointed us to serve you in the sanctuary:

guide us in all we say and do,

that all who gather here to worship you

may praise you with gladness,

may receive your Word,

and find strength and renewal for the way before them.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.  **Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

 **The Lord's name be praised.**

Great God, you are generous and marvelously kind.

Give us such wonder, love and gratitude

that we may sing praises to you

and joyfully honour your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Before a Service that includes Communion*

Almighty God,

you have invited us to feast with you

at the Table of our Lord.

Prepare us in mind and spirit to serve you

as we serve your people

to the honour and glory of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**

*Before a Service that includes a baptism*

Almighty God,

by baptism with water and Holy Spirit

you have claimed us,

cleansed us,

and named us as your own.

Prepare us now to be your priests and servants

as we celebrate again

this entrance into the life of the new covenant,

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.