

Lord God, we gather today to adore you.
You are the ground and source of all that is.
You hold us in being, and without you we could not be.
Before we were born, before time began, before the universe came into being, you were.
When time is finished, when the universe is no more, you will still be.
Nothing can take your power from you.
And in your presence we can only be silent before the mystery of your being, for no words of ours
can do justice to your grandeur.

We gather to be changed, O Lord. For our thoughts, words and deeds to be congruent to your
calling on our lives. So that our living may reflect your image. Your image carved within our
innermost being.

Forgive us for living as if it matters little that Jesus was raised from the dead,
For scrambling for more and more, never believing that we have quite enough
Forgive us for living in doubt and discouragement, desperately trying to make our lives secure,
without much hope for the future
Forgive us for thinking that the solution to our conflicts is destruction of our enemies, for
forgetting that we are all created in your image,

Yet you have spoken to us.
Out of universal silence your living word has sprung.
You have spoken, and given form and beauty to the world.
You have spoken, and given purpose to human life.
You have spoken, and declared the forgiveness of our sin.
You have spoken, and freed us from the fear of death.
Lord Jesus Christ, divine Word, speak to us now.
Continue to remind us of the beauty of life;
unite us to your eternal purpose for our lives;
remove our guilt; conquer the fear of death in our hearts.
Lord, speak, and let us hear

Thank you that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us now,
Thank you for displaying your strength and love in our everyday lives, and enabling us to love you
and give ourselves for others
Thank you for the promise that we, too, will be raised and that we will one day see you face to
face.

In the name of Christ,

AMEN