

The Ministry of the Liturgy Team

Yours is a share
in the work of the Lord's Spirit
who calls God's people to prayer.

You help prepare the way of the Lord
who comes with mercy and with peace.

Yours is the guardianship of that holy ground
where God and God's people meet
and sit at a common table.

Yours is the work
of preparing the table of the lord
who is our Passover.

Yours is the task of calling others
to serve at that table,
and of preparing them
to serve with grace and reverence.

Yours is the task
of helping God's people to shape a prayer
that they might sing from their hearts.

Yours is nothing less
than the responsibility of insuring
that God's word is proclaimed,
clearly and with conviction.

Come to your work
from your personal prayer;
begin your work together
with prayer in common.

Let your meetings be long enough
to do the work that is yours to do,
but not so long
as to go beyond where the Spirit leads you.

Root your meetings
in the scriptures of the liturgy you prepare,
for the prayer of that celebration
will be rooted in God's word.

Let your meetings be marked
by a unity in spirit and in ideals.

As others are called by the Lord,
invite them to join in your work.

Remember
that the treasure of the prayer of God's people
is one you hold in an earthen vessel.

Be gentle,
and reverence what is entrusted to you.

Let this treasure
bear the imprint of your community,
but take care
lest it be smudged by your fingers.

Should your zeal
sometime mar or crack this treasure,
do not panic.

Acknowledge and study the error,
remembering that the Lord will heal
what you have broken:
learn, as we all do, from your mistakes.

When your brothers and sisters
thank and praise you for your work,
take delight
in a prayer that has touched their hearts,
and rejoice in the work
the Lord has accomplished through you.

Be faithful in the work you do,
for through it the Lord saves his people.