

## BLESSING FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY AND VOTING MEMBERS

### *A Reading from Colossians*

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. (Colossians 2:6-10)

Let us pray.

Gracious and Loving God,

**From the earth you formed us, and in Christ Jesus we are rooted. In the splintered body that we call Church, you remind us of the gift of grace and draw us into the divine work of confession, forgiveness, mercy, mending and healing. The good soil of discipleship and justice turns our brokenness into wholeness, awakens us from complacency into movement and sprouts new life in often-unexpected ways. Continue to prepare us for the coming seasons of our lives together.**

Provide your blessing on those gathering for the Synod Assembly and help us all to work together in ways that provide love and nourishment for the whole body. Help us to bend to help others while continuing steadfast in your way without breaking.

**We humbly ask that you work within each of us in order to make this Synod Assembly memorable in ways that are honoring to Jesus and your people. Let the seeds we plant bear good fruits for our communities, the world, and all of creation.**

Today, we give thanks for those who will be sent from this congregation to serve as voting members to the Metro DC Synod Assembly on June 10-11.

**Bless (*names of voting members*) as they carry with them our offerings of hopes and blessings for the Metro DC Synod. In the moments of worship, fellowship and plenary, give them wisdom and courage to listen and to dream, to lament and to hope. May the insights and experiences they have during this gathering become nourishment and inspiration for our shared mission together.**

In all this we pray.

**Amen**

