

7Way of freedom,  
everyday God,  
star of morning,  
O Jesus,  
timeless healer,  
O Spirit,  
flame eternal,  
come, be with us.

8Word of gladness,  
everyday God,  
word of mercy,  
O Jesus,  
word of friendship,  
O Spirit,  
word of challenge,  
come, be with us.

9Gentle father,  
everyday God,  
faithful brother,  
O Jesus,  
tender sister,  
O Spirit,  
loving mother,  
come, be with us.

10Our beginning,  
everyday God,  
our unfolding,  
O Jesus,  
our enduring,  
O Spirit,  
journey's ending,  
come, be with us.

11Alleluia,  
everyday God,  
now and always,  
O Jesus,  
alleluia,  
O Spirit,  
through all ages,  
come, be with us.

**THE PREFACE, LEGAL DECLARATIONS,  
AND AFFIRMATIONS**

The Reverend Canon Jason C. Vinyard

## **READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

A reading from Ruth 1:16-17

Read by Alice Hare

“Entreat me not to leave you,  
Or to turn back from following after you;  
For wherever you go, I will go;  
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;  
Your people shall be my people,  
And your God, my God.  
Where you die, I will die,  
And there will I be buried.  
The Lord do so to me, and more also,  
If anything but death parts you and me.”

## **SECOND READING**

'Soneto do Amor Total', by Vinicius de Moraes

Read by Amos Guedes

Amo-te tanto, meu amor, não cante  
O humano coração com mais verdade  
Amo-te como amigo e como amante  
Numa sempre diversa realidade

Amo-te afim, de um calmo amor prestante  
E te amo além, presente na saudade  
Amo-te, enfim, com grande liberdade  
Dentro da eternidade e a cada instante

Amo-te como um bicho, simplesmente  
De um amor sem mistério e sem virtude  
Com um desejo maciço e permanente

E de te amar assim, muito e amiúde  
É que um dia em teu corpo, de repente  
Hei de morrer de amar mais do que pude

(English Translation)

I love you so much my love—don't sing  
the human heart with more truth  
I love you as a friend and as a lover  
in an always diverse reality

I love you, finally, with a calm, giving love  
and I love you, furthermore, present in the longing  
I love you, finally, with great freedom  
within eternity and every instant

I love you like an animal, simply  
with a love without mystery and without virtue  
with a solid and permanent desire

And to love you thus, a lot and often  
is to one day, in your body, suddenly  
die of loving more than I could.

### **THIRD READING**

Extract from *Adam Bede*, by George Eliot

Read by John Marr

“What greater thing is there for two human souls,  
than to feel that they are joined for life--to strengthen  
each other in all labour, to rest on each other in all  
sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one  
with each other in silent unspeakable memories at the  
moment of the last parting?”

## **HYMN**

'Let Love be Real', by Michael Forster

1Let love be real, in giving and receiving,  
without the need to manage and to own;  
a haven free from posing and pretending,  
where every weakness may be safely known.  
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,  
give me your love wherever we may go.  
As God loves us, so let us love each other:  
with no demands, just open hands and space to grow.

2Let love be real, not grasping or confining,  
that strange embrace that holds yet sets us free;  
that helps us face the risk of truly living,  
and makes us brave to be what we might be.  
Give me your strength when all my words are weakness;  
give me your love in spite of all you know.

3Let love be real, with no manipulation,  
no secret wish to harness or control;  
let us accept each other's incompleteness,  
and share the joy of learning to be whole.  
Give me your hope through dreams and disappointments;  
give me your trust when all my failings show.

## **THE PROMISE OF THE PEOPLE**

I ask you, the families and friends of André and Edwin: Will you do all in your power to support and encourage them in their marriage?

**All:** We will.