

Ilkley 2000

Arrival

Invitation to rest, thought, and the counting of blessings

Rest the seventh day of Creation (God's, and our, Sabbath)
the habitual state of God (completeness, sufficiency)
the end (=purpose) of human existence

Thought entering into (our) life by knowing
finding the way to our true self by knowing
preparing to be aware of others - biblical "knowing"

Counting of blessings our faith in the goodness of God
the faith we have placed in one another
the Church as shepherding us together, towards the Father

Prayer

**Lord God, Father of each of us,
give us peace as we come to you for rest. Teach me your love for me, in which I
was chosen to live in your world.**

**Lord God, Father of us all,
give us grace as we share this time together. Help us to welcome each other, for
in each other we shall find your word and your gifts.**

**Lord God, Father of our Lord Jesus,
give us your Holy Spirit, so that in Word and Sacrament we may be made your
dwelling-place, in all wisdom and insight, in the joy of your promises.**

As he taught us, we pray: Our Father....