

## PRAYER OF UNITY

Evoking the presence of the Great Compassion,  
let us fill our hearts with our own compassion—  
towards ourselves and towards all living beings.  
May all living beings realize  
that they are brothers and sisters,  
all nourished from the same source of life.  
May we ourselves cease to be the cause of suffering to  
each other.  
May we live in a way which will not deprive other beings  
of air water, food, shelter, or the chance to live.  
With humility, with awareness of the existence of life,  
and of the sufferings that are going on around us,  
let us pray for the establishment of peace  
in our hearts and on earth. Amen. Thich Nhat Hanh

## COMMUNION SERVICE

**MEDITATION:** *“Listen to the Silence”*

## FINAL BLESSING

We extend our hands over one another for a New Year  
blessing:  
May we go forth with the intent of living fully, loving  
wastefully, and being all we can be!

## CLOSING SONG: *“Peace Is Flowing Like a River”*

Peace is flowing like a river,	Love is flowing...
Flowing out through you and me,	Joy is flowing...
Flowing out into the desert,	Alleluia, Alleluia 6x
Setting all the captives free.	Peace is flowing...

# The Namaste Church of the Desert



**Liturgical Celebration**  
**March 1, 2009**

**‘We Celebrate the Divinity  
Within You’**

## WELCOME AND GREETING

### OPENING SONG: : “You Are the Face of God”

You are the face of God  
I hold you in my heart  
You are my family  
You are the face of God (2x)

You are the face of God  
I hold you in my heart  
You are part of me  
You are the face of God

### GREETING OF PEACE: **Namaste**

### PENITENTIAL RITE

### OPENING PRAYER

**READING:** Mk. 1:12-15

**HOMILY:** *The Desert Experience: A Time of Repentance  
or A Time to Listen Within?*

*“Let us learn to be still and let the Truth speak through us;  
to be still and know that the inner light shines.”*

### PRAAYER OF PETITIONS

May each of us be aware of the Spirit of God within us  
today and respond to the Good News, we pray.

Response: Amen! Amen!

Let us pray for world peace.

Response: Amen! Amen!

Let us pray for inner peace.

Response: Amen! Amen!

Let us pray for an abundance of health, prosperity, and  
joy.

Response: Amen! Amen!

### CREED

We believe in God, the power of life, love and being  
that flows through the universe.

We believe in Jesus, who revealed the good news  
of our connectedness with God and with all people,  
who was compassionate and stood up for justice,

even if this meant losing his life,

who gave people an experience of God

by demonstrating this power of life, love and being.  
Through his words and example,

we believe that we too have this power

and the capacity to give people an experience of God  
by living life fully,

loving with my whole heart,

and striving to be all we can be.

we believe in the communion of saints,

who are a people walking together,

engaged in the search for meaning

and the quest to be connected

with the Source and Sustainer of all that exists.

### OFFERTORY

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER